

Export of Textiles to Kenya

*1244. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri A. N. Vidyajankar:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that India is losing ground in Kenya markets to Pakistani textiles;

(b) if so, whether any effort has been made to find out the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). The overall exports of cotton textiles from India to Kenya have shown a small decline in 1964. The figures are as under:

1962	Rs. 26.13 millions
1963	Rs. 26.19 millions
1964	Rs. 21.57 millions

The main reason for the drop in our exports is severe competition from Pakistan which has a large bonus voucher scheme of subsidisation. The other reason for the small decline is the increase in production of local manufacturers of cotton textiles in Kenya. In order to protect the local industry, the Government of Kenya has also imposed tariff on cotton textiles on piece-goods, blankets and shirts. They have also put certain restrictions on import of cotton blankets.

Small Car Project

*1245. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are pur-

uing negotiations for the manufacture of a cheap small car;

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter rests;

(c) whether he recently stated that he was not enthusiastic about the project; and

(d) if so, whether he has communicated his views to the negotiating foreign collaborators?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). The matter is under discussion with certain interested parties. The discussions are in the preliminary stage.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not arise:

National Coal Development Council

*1246. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Coal Development Council has decided to raise its production target for 1965-66 to eleven million tons;

(b) if so, whether this decision is based on anticipated rise in coal consumption also; and

(c) the number of new mines and additional workers required to attain the higher target?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. Presumably the question relates to the National Coal Development Corporation and not Council.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No new mines or additional workers would be required by the Corporation to achieve the higher target.