

योजनाओं में परिकल्पित कार्यक्रमों का राज्य जिन तरकीबों को आवश्यक समझे उन्हें कर क्रमिक राज्य योजनाओं में समावेश किया जा सकेगा ।

Modernisation of Textile Mills

3770. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Textile industry is suffering for want of financial aid; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide some funds by way of aid to modernise the textile mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) . The difficulties of the Cotton Textile Industry have been brought about by a variety of factors such as loss of productive efficiency due to obsolescence of machinery, substantial increase in debt-equity ratio, increase in production cost and recession in demand etc., leading to shortage of working capital and funds for modernisation. A number of steps have been taken to help the industry and facilitate modernisation. Some more measures are under consideration.

Textile Mills in Tamil Nadu

3701. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that some cotton mills were closed in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the excise duty to help the affected textile mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The excise reliefs announced in the Budget on certain categories of cotton cloth and yarn would benefit the weaker cotton mills.

Acquisition of Land for Military Purposes

3702. SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several acres of barren land of State Government in and near Sagar Cantt is available for military purposes ; and

(b) if so, why that land is not being acquired for the purpose instead of fertile agricultural land which was improved by the cultivators for the intensive cultivation to assist grow more food campaign after incurring huge expenditure and labour ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). There is at present no proposal under the consideration of Government to acquire privately owned agricultural land in Sagar Cantonment.

Acquisition of Agricultural Land

3703. SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence is going to acquire all agricultural land in Sangor Cantt ;

(b) if so, what alternative arrangements are being made to rehabilitate about 500 families, consisting of more than 3000 members depending entirely on these lands for their livelihood for the last 150 years ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in 1962 more than 1000 acres of agricultural land was acquired but half of it is still lying unutilized without any consideration for the fate of old leasees who have been rendered unemployed ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

British Withdrawal of Naval Forces from Indian Ocean

3704. SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of