

Federation held in Bombay in June, 1969 in which the Federation had urged upon Government to revise and reshape Government's textile policy for different sectors, namely, handlooms, powerlooms and khadi;

(b) if so, the precise observations and suggestions made at the meeting; and

(c) Government's decisions taken in light thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) to

(c). Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by the Chairman, Indian Cotton Mills Federation, at the 11th Annual General Meeting held in June, 1969, in which he has observed—"The time has come for us to take a hard look at the position of the Indian textile industry in relation to the world textile industry and take decisions about.

(i) how many sectors we are going to have, namely, the mills, the handlooms, the powerlooms and khadi and how much of the internal and export demands should be met by each of the sectors;

(ii) what kind of structure the mill sector should have so as to fulfil the role that may be allotted to it; and by structure I mean, matters like the extent of vertical integration and the minimum size of the units; and

(iii) how modern the mill sector should aim to be to carry out its assigned role.

No specific proposals have been made by the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation to Government for their consideration.

Export of Films

4206. **SHRI HIMATISINGKA:** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent confe-

rence of the Indian Envoys to Asian and African countries, the question of promoting the export of Indian feature films was considered;

(b) if so, the prospects of export of these films to these regions; and

(c) the actual annual export of the films during 1968-69 to the countries in the regions and how far these exports are likely to be increased in the light of the said talks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) to

(c). While the question of promoting the export of Indian feature films to Asian and African countries was not considered in the Conference, there was however a reference made to the popularity of Indian films and music and the scope for joint production of feature films and documentaries in most countries of the West Asian and North African region. No future projections of exports of Indian feature films to these regions were adopted by the Conference. The value of export of Indian feature films to Asian and African countries during 1968-69 stood at Rs. 1.33 crores.

Holding of a Condolence Meeting by C. O. D. Workers at Kanpur

4207. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.O.D. workers at Kanpur were not allowed to hold a condolence meeting under the auspices of the Mazdoor Union to mourn the death of the President of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the Officer responsible for not permitting this meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.