

S.No.	Name of Unit	Outlay 1998-99 (Rs. in lacs)
1.	Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi	35.00
2.	Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	30.00
3.	Kosi Restaurant, Kosi	25.00
Total		90.00

**Entry of Private Sector Bank in
Capital Market**

2123. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some private sector banks in the country have sought approval from the Government to enter into the capital market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have granted 'No Objection Certificate' to some private sector banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the owners of some private sector banks are under investigation for alleged FERA violations; and

(f) if so, the reasons of granting them permission to enter into capital market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) Private Sector Banks do not require permission of the Government for entering the capital market.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(f) Permission of the Government is not required by private sector banks for entering into the capital market.

Export of Textile Machinery

2124. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of textile machinery exported during the last three years, country-wise

(b) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of textile machinery?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) Amounts of foreign exchange earned during the last three years are as under:

Year	Total Export Value (Approx.)	
	(US \$ in million)	(Rupees in crores)
1995-96	62.04	216
1996-97	87.00	313
1997-98	85.39	325

(c) There is no restriction on export of textile machinery. The Government has been encouraging export of all engineering items including textile machinery through EXIM Policy. Import of raw material and components for textile machinery manufacture (for export) are allowed duty free. International exhibitions are held every four years in India as well as abroad which help in boosting textile machinery export.

Statement

Export of Textile Machinery

Names of Major Countries	(value in Rs. lakhs)		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
	1	2	3
AUSTRALIA	398.78	125.69	90.45
BANGLADESH	4521.76	4909.55	5333.29
EGYPT	341.41	319.81	836.84
GERMANY	2212.30	1853.67	2643.92
INDONESIA	2800.30	2211.21	1566.50
IRAN	57.48	2674.25	874.49
ITALY	338.54	460.79	608.46
KENYA	360.22	943.19	483.08
MALAYSIA	106.67	55.30	69.63
NEPAL	317.29	124.02	149.44
NETHERLANDS	729.08	671.17	139.29
NIGERIA	747.66	972.14	1029.37
OMAN	172.46	39.29	221.26
PHILIPPINES	88.23	155.70	32.53
RUSSIA	169.16	67.47	115.44
SRILANKA	658.31	982.33	681.60
SAUDI ARABIA	153.67	102.17	178.39
SINGAPORE	290.78	307.85	121.36
SWITZERLAND	2972.27	6146.16	9844.86

1	2	3	4
SOUTH AFRICA	75.75	105.88	222.71
THAILAND	455.91	632.92	333.13
TURKEY	226.98	1815.81	727.84
TANZANIA	696.62	341.49	727.58
U.A.E.	132.43	208.15	463.76
U.K.	340.66	299.98	911.97
U.S.A.	907.05	836.42	1425.07
VIETNAM	97.31	1087.09	413.48
OTHERS	1272.35	2872.57	2203.24
TOTAL	21641.43	31322.07	32448.98

[Translation]

Funds for Sick Industries

2125. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH :
SHRI DINSHAW PATEL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to the State Governments, particularly to Uttar Pradesh, for revival of sick industries during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the plan formulated to make sick industries economically viable; and

(c) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Export of Jute

2126. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote export of Jute;

(b) the total value of jute items exported during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of the estimate of jute export during 1998-99;

(d) whether the Government have taken special initiatives to export eco-friendly jute bags and jute cloth material for packaging to European and other countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) The Government has taken a number of steps for promoting export of jute goods. In this direction, Jute Manufactures Development Council, a statutory body of Govt. of India has commissioned market research and disseminated information on diversified jute goods by participating in important fairs and exhibitions abroad. JMDC also sponsors export delegations, organises buyer - seller meetings, liaises with importers and end users and provides funds for R & D to develop new range of diversified jute goods.

In addition External Market Assistance scheme provides incentives for export of specific category of jute yam and jute items. Other steps for export promotion include implementations of UNDP assisted national jute programme, entrepreneurial development by NCJD and imposition of export obligation of jute mills for receiving B.Twill quota order on Govt. account.

(b) The total amount of jute goods exported during the last three years are as under:

Year	Value (Rs.Crs)
1995-96	634.71
1996-97	702.23
1997-98	755.00 (prov)

(c) Government has set up a target of 230 million US \$ (Rs.9500 million) for the export of jute goods during the current year 1998-99.

(d) and (e) India has developed Hydrocarbon Free Foodgrade Jute Bags and Cloth meeting international specifications under technical collaboration of Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA) and Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA). Production facility for manufacture of this item has been created with various jute mills to meet international demand for the product. India has taken the following initiatives for export of Eco-friendly food grade jute bags and cloth to various countries:

- (1) A composite Indian delegation sponsored by JMDC held meetings with the Cocoa Association of London and Nestle, Switzerland, in Nov. 97 to sensitize the industry about Indian capability of producing hydrocarbon free bags of international specifications. This was further followed up in the international workshop on the issue held in Feb'98.
- (2) EMA scheme has been extended to cover Hydrocarbon Free Bags to encourage Indian jute exporting industry for producing this item.
- (3) A high level delegation led by Minister of Textiles visited selected West African and European countries in August'98 to create awareness among the consumers for usage of this item in packaging of food grade material.