

(b) the details of the foreign exchange earnings out of Banian knitted goods exported from Thiruppur; and

(c) the step taken/grants given to Banian Industry to earn more foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) State-wise/City-wise export data is not maintained. However the total exports of knitted garments from India during January-September, 1998 have been reported to be U.S.\$ 1217.10 million (Provisional).

(c) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of garments including banian, on a regular basis. such as encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials; ensuring increased availability of export credit, etc.

M.S.K. Mill, Gulbarga, Karnataka

3366. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.S.K. Mill, Gulbarga is situated in backward region of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the date of its closure alongwith the number of unemployed workers;

(c) whether the salaries are providing;

(d) whether the Government are considering to revive it;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) M.S.K. Mills, a unit of NTC (APKK&M) Ltd. Bangalore is situated in Gulbarga Distt. of Karnataka which is among the industrially lesser developed Districts in the State.

(b) The mill is not closed. However, production activities have stopped since 1.12.97. It had 540 permanent and 248 Badi/Casual workmen as on 14.12.98.

(c) The permanent workers of MSK Mills are being paid idle wages.

(d) to (f) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study conducted by NTC a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them based on the BIFR norm of net worth of these mills turning positive within the prescribed period is under consideration. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

Bombay Stock Exchange Index

3367. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether SEBI has issued any guidelines for issue of indices by Stock Exchanges on day to day transaction basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government or SEBI to issue guidelines to streamline the procedure for issuing the sensitive indices by the Stock exchanges, particularly Bombay Stock Exchange sensitive index based on 30 scrips?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Government or SEBI do not have any proposal to issue any guidelines in this regard.

Development of Tourist Infrastructure in Manipur

3368. SHRI BHIM DAHAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force on North-East constituted by his Ministry has identified a number of places in Manipur for development of tourism infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details of those places in the State; and

(c) the financial assistance sanctioned and released to Manipur for development of tourism during each of the last three years?