

(d) In the context of the general declining trend in Credit-Deposit Ratio in Kerala, a Task Force was set up to look into the issue and suggest measures for improvement. The Task Force in its report submitted in July 1994 has identified various constraints in expansion of credit in Kerala and suggested a series of measures to be taken by the agencies responsible for implementation of the recommendations. A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala was constituted to oversee the speedy implementation of the recommendations. The Committee has been reviewing the measures initiated by the various agencies from time to time.

Waiver of Loans of NTC Mills

122 SHRI DINSHA PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to write off loans of 43 sick mills under National Textile Corporation (NTC) is under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :
(a) and (b) The BIFR has issued show cause notices for winding up four subsidiary corporations of NTC, namely,

NTC (UP) Ltd., NTC (MP) Ltd., NTC (Guj.) Ltd., & NTC (WB/B & O) Ltd., mainly on the ground that the net worth of these four subsidiary corporations will not become positive in ten years of implementation of rehabilitation plan unless Govt. loans and interest thereon are waived. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Trade with Neighbouring Countries

123 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) to total value of trade undertaken with China, Nepal, Srilanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other neighbouring countries during each of the three years, and

(b) the steps being taken to increase the trade with these countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The data on trade with China, Nepal, Srilanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other neighbouring countries during the last 3 years is given in the enclosed Statement I.

(b) The steps being taken to increase trade with these countries are given in the enclosed Statement II.

Statement I

Trade with India's Neighbour

(Value in Rs crores)

| Country | 1993-94 | | | 1994-95 | | | 1995-96 | | |
|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| | Export | Import | Total Trade | Export | Import | Total Trade | Export | Import | Total Trade |
| China | 875.33 | 946.97 | 1822.30 | 798.24 | 2388.90 | 3187.14 | 1097.44 | 2732.84 | 3827.28 |
| Nepal | 304.87 | 85.62 | 390.49 | 377.00 | 114.89 | 491.89 | 536.45 | 166.95 | 703.40 |
| Sri Lanka | 897.47 | 62.19 | 959.66 | 1151.08 | 96.40 | 1247.48 | 1335.62 | 145.83 | 1481.45 |
| Bangladesh | 1349.69 | 56.09 | 1405.78 | 2024.13 | 119.85 | 2143.98 | 3469.91 | 282.14 | 3752.05 |
| Pakistan | 200.66 | 136.48 | 337.14 | 179.71 | 165.61 | 345.32 | 256.80 | 150.80 | 407.60 |
| Bhutan | 31.10 | 9.34 | 40.44 | 34.83 | 57.40 | 92.23 | 57.56 | 107.20 | 164.76 |
| Maldives | 24.63 | 1.02 | 25.65 | 48.28 | 0.73 | 49.01 | 52.52 | 0.55 | 53.07 |
| Afghanistan | 67.63 | 11.32 | 78.95 | 49.05 | 20.52 | 69.57 | 64.80 | 28.57 | 93.37 |
| Myanmar | 67.56 | 379.62 | 447.18 | 71.10 | 398.02 | 469.12 | 84.51 | 527.58 | 612.09 |