

(b) Do not arise.

Missile Warning Satellite

2902. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to develop Missile-Warning Satellite in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Facilities Provided to Weavers in Bihar

2903. SHRI BRAHMANAND MAN-
DAL:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the grants provided to Bihar from 1990 till date for promotion of handlooms and the amount thereof;

(b) the details of the raw material facilities and marketing facilities made available by the Union Government to weavers in Bihar during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto January 1992);

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey during the above period with regard to assessment to improve the economic conditions of the weavers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the government propose to start any new welfare scheme for the weavers in Bihar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) During 1990-91 the State of Bihar was given Central Assistance for the schemes of Handloom Development Projects (Rs. 8.32 lakhs), Share Capital Assistance to Apex Societies. (Rs. 5.00 lakhs), setting up of processing facilities (Rs. 23.51 lakhs), Janata Subsidy (Rs. 409.54 Lakhs). During the current year the state has been granted a sum of Rs. 158.18 lakhs on Janata Subsidy.

(b) Handloom weavers throughout the country could avail of assistance for meeting their raw material and marketing needs. The schemes in operation include the Janata Cloth Scheme, Market Development Assistance Scheme Share Assistance to Primaries and margin money for destitute weavers. Under the Janata Cloth Scheme a sum of Rs. 3.40 is paid as subsidy per sq. metre of cloth woven for cotton. Assistance under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme is linked to the performance of the handloom organisations. This assistance is to be utilised for improving marketing and infrastructural facilities of the concerned handloom organisations. The share Capital Assistance to primaries helps the concerned primary weavers cooperative societies to raise working Capital for purchase of raw material etc. Similarly the margin money for destitute weavers also helps those weavers to raise working capital. During 1990-91 a Special Package Scheme to help he riot hit weavers of Bhagalpur was launched. Assistance provided to the State of Bihar during the past 3 years is given below:-

1989-90	Rs. 902.20 lakhs
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1990-91	Rs. 545.45 lakhs
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1991-92	Rs. 158.18 lakhs
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(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). The Thrift Fund Scheme and the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme have been revised. Under the revised Thrift Fund Scheme weavers outside cooperative fold are also included, and the amount of participation has been raised from 12% of wages earned to 16% of wages earned. Out of this 8% would be borne by the weaver, 4% by State government and 4% by Central Government. Under the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme the scale of unit cost has been revised, and provision for electrification and land cost has been included. These schemes are applicable throughout the country including the state of Bihar.

Exports to China

2904. DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the products exported to China during 1990-91 and their value in rupee terms;

(b) the products imported from China during the above period and their value in rupee terms;

(c) whether following the recent visit of Chinese Prime Minister, exports to China are likely to be increased; and

(d) if so, the details thereof/

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The major items exported during 1990-91 to China were:

Value (in Rs. crores)

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1.	Processed Minerals	9.38
2.	Iron ore	2.10
3.	Ores and minerals (other than iron ore and processed minerals).	4.26
4.	Tobacco (Unmanufactured)	3.21
5.	Other commodities	13.60
		32.55

(b) The major items imported during 1990-91 from China were:

Value (in Rs. crores)

1.	Coal, coke.	17.56
2.	Raw silk	12.01