

(c) the details of such directions issued by BIFR since 1990 onwards the number of sick industrial units rehabilitated by BIFR with the participation of the said group of Banks and the number of times when the said group of Banks discharged financial obligations as per directions of BIFR and RBI during the same period?

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

#### Export of Cotton

1255. SHRI SURESH PRABHU :  
SHRIMATI VASUNDRA RAJE :  
SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of cotton during the year 1995-96 State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have announced cotton export quota for the year 1996-97;

(c) if so, the demands for export quota received from the various states and the quantum of cotton allowed to be exported by each state during the above period State-wise;

(d) whether inordinate delay in announcement of cotton export quota has caused serious concern for the cotton growers of the country;

(e) if so, the steps taken to avoid such delay in future; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to stabilise the price of cotton in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) The total production of cotton during the year 1995-96 as estimated by the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) was 156.50 lakh bales. State-wise figures are given in the Statement-I enclosed.

(b) Yes Sir, in the cotton year 1996-97, a Quota of 5.15 lakh bales of cotton has so far been released for export.

(c) Details regarding allocation of quotas to different agencies are given in the Statement-II enclosed.

(d) No Sir, export quotas for 1996-97 cotton year were announced early in the season.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton have been announced by Government. In the event that cotton price fall to MSP level the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) would procure cotton at the VSP, thus protecting the growers' interest. An export quota of 5.15 lakh bales of cotton has been released by Government in the beginning of the season. At present the prices of staple cotton are reported to be 40% to 60% above the support Price.

#### STATEMENT-I

*State-wise Production of Cotton in  
the Year 1995-96*

*(as estimated by the Cotton Advisory  
Board on 26/8/96)*

State	Production (in Lakh Bales of 170 Kgs. each)
Punjab	14.35
Haryana	11.30
Rajasthan	13.75
Gujarat	31.25
Maharashtra	28.75
Madhya Pradesh	14.25
Andhra Pradesh	27.35
Karnataka	9.50
Tamil Nadu	5.00
Others	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>156.50</b>

#### STATEMENT-II

*Quantities of Raw Cotton Released for Export in  
1996-97*

Quantity (lakh bales)	Quota Released in Favour of
1.50 Bengal Deshi	All
0.05 Assam Comilla	CCI
3.60 Staple Cotton	1 Cotton corporation of India Ltd.. (CCI)
	0.5 Maharashtra Federation
	0.5 Gujarat Federation
	0.5 NAFED
	0.05 Haryana Federation
	0.05 Rajasthan Federation
	0.10 Madhya Pradesh Federation
	0.10 Andhra Pradesh Federation
	0.50 Punjab 'Markfed' and Karnataka State Federation
	0.30 Private Trade
<b>5.15 lakh bales</b>	

(as on 27th November, 1996)