

with quota kept at a level of 3% which was enhanced to 5% in the year 1993 and 10% w.e.f. 1997.

(b) During the last three years the number of powerlooms have constantly increased and the annual production of cloth by the powerloom sector have been registering increase continuously as could be seen from the table given below :

I. Growth in the Powerloom Sector:

Year	Number of Units	No. of Powerlooms
1995	3,26,286	13,65,284
1996	3,33,017	14,11,903
1997	3,49,380	15,23,336
1998 (31.05.98)	3,53,461	15,58,327

II. Production of Cloth in the Powerloom Sector:

Year	Production (Million Sq. Mtrs.)	% of the Powerloom Production over total production
1995-96	17,201	53.94%
1996-97	19,352	55.58%
1997-98 (Provisional)	20,303	55.32%

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Expansion of Hotels of ITDC

*271. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :
SHRI MOHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) propose to expand its hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to sell some loss incurring hotels of ITDC;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of ITDC Hotels which utilised more than 90% of their capacity during the last year; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for development of ITDC Hotels in the country and particularly in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA):
(a) and (b) Presently there is no specific proposal under consideration to expand ITDC's existing hotels.

(c) No specific proposal to sell loss making hotels of ITDC is under consideration of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) None of ITDC hotels achieved 90% average occupancy during 1997-98.

(f) ITDC plans to construct a new 100-room, 5-Star hotel at Chandigarh on a plot of land already allotted for this purpose. Apart from this, ITDC explores possibilities with different State Governments from time to time to set up hotel projects in the respective States. In this connection the last letter to the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) was written by ITDC on 23.9.97. However, no reply from GTDC has been received.

Decline Production of Cotton Textiles

*272. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :
SHRI DAROGA PRASAD SAROJ :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of cotton textiles in the country has been declining for the last ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/contemplated to restore earlier production level?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) No, Sir. The production of cotton textiles, i.e. cotton yarn and cotton cloth, has progressively increased during the period 1988-89 to 1997-98. The annual growth rate in the production of cotton yarn and cotton cloth during this period has been 6.2% and 4.5%, respectively.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reforms in Banking System

*273. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether inspite of significant achievement in efficiency and expansion of branches, our banking system still requires excessive improvement to compete at international level;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a Banking Reforms Commission to bring about further improvements in Banking System;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and