

[Translation]

#### Allocation of Coins to States

\*357. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :  
SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of coins of different denominations and their value allocated 17X to the banks situated in North-Eastern States and Madhya Pradesh by the Reserve Bank of India during 1991-92 to 1997-98, till date, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the purpose for which new coins were allocated;

(c) whether the Government are aware about the misappropriation prevailing in the distribution of such new coins by the banks in some States, particularly in Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Coins are issued to facilitate day-to-day transactions of the public.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Does not arise.

#### Demand of HMT Products

\*358. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is decline in demand of goods being manufactured by Hindustan Machine Tools Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) and (b) There is a decline in the demand of HMT machine tools and industrial machinery products due to slow down in the growth of auto sector, stagnation in the investment by Railways; import of second-hand machine tools & increased competition.

(c) HMT has taken a number of steps to increase the demand for its products. These include monitoring and follow up with major customers, focus on marketing, efforts to develop business in small/medium scale industries and procurement of orders from Defence and Railways.

[English]

#### Recession in Textile Industry

\*359. SHRI KALLAPPA AWADE :  
DR. SAROJA V. :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is recession in textiles industry for the last five years, particularly in decentralised powerloom sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have constituted any Committee to ascertain the problems of powerloom industry prior to this;

(c) if so, the details of points made in the report by the said Committee;

(d) whether any quota has been resumed for decentralised powerloom sector for export of cloths;

(e) if so, the extent thereof; and

(f) the percentage of India's participation in the international textile market and percentage of fabrics production shared by the powerlooms?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) There is no apparent recession in the textile industry during the last five years including in the cloth production in the decentralised powerloom sector. In this connection, the data on total cloth production vis-a-vis the cloth production in the decentralised powerloom sector for the last five years is reproduced below :

Year	Total Cloth Production (Mn. Sq. Mtrs.)	Annual Growth Rate	Powerloom Cloth Production (Mn. Sq. Mtrs.)	Percentage of Powerloom fabrics in total cloth Production (%)
1993-94	27898	8.68	15994	57.3
1994-95	28606	2.48	15976	55.8
1995-96	31891	10.30	17201	53.9
1996-97	34813	8.39	19352	55.6
1997-98	36701	5.14	20303	55.3