

<b>Methods</b>	<b>Annual targets (1989-90)</b>	<b>Achievements* (April, 1989 to February, 1990)</b>
IUD Insertions	400,000	193,569
C.C.Users	202,000	131,553
O.P.Users	20,700	33,065

\*Provisional figures.

**Governments Departments to Purchase  
Uniform Materials etc. From NTC**

1477. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINIALI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of the measures Union Government propose to take to ensure that orders by the Defence Ministry and other Government departments for canvas cloth blankets and uniform material, are placed with the NTC and BIC mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): The placement of orders by the Defence Ministry and other Government Departments with the National Textiles Corporation and British India Corporation Mills is ensured by the Scheme of Single Tender System under the existing arrangement.

**Cotton Textile Exports**

1478. SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL:  
SHRI SHANTILAL PUSHOTTA MDAS  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of TAXILES be pleased to state:

(a) the export of cotton textiles during the period April-November, 1989 as com-

pared to the figures of the corresponding period in 1988.

(b) whether the export performance is expected to fulfil the targets set for the years 1989-90;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to increase exports of cotton textiles?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The exports of cotton textiles (Mill made/ Powerloom) during April-November, 1989 amounted to Rs. 906.9 crores as against the exports of Rs. 659.1 crores in the corresponding period of 1988, representing an increase of about 38%. Nearly 73% of the export target of Rs. 1250 crores fixed for 1989-90 has been achieved during the first 8 months of the financial year.

(b) The export performance for the year 1989-90 is expected to fulfil the target fixed for export of cotton textiles.

(c) The break-up of exports is as follows:

	April-November 1989 (Rs. Millions)	April-November 1988 (Rs. Millions)
Cotton piecegoods		3996.63
	5193.80	
Yarn & sewing thread	2214.67	1461.61
Madeups	1660.48	1132.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>9068.95</b>	<b>6591.22</b>

(d) Government has taken several steps for increasing the exports of textiles items including cotton textiles such as permission to import sophisticated machineries under OGL with concessional duty, creation of Rs. 750 crores modernisation fund, 5% additional SCS for export of textiles to non-shipment credit, reduction in the rate of interest for packing credit, income tax exemption etc. Besides, the Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council undertakes regular export promotion measures such as sponsoring Buyer-Seller-Meets, participation in fairs and exhibitions, overseas publicity etc.

#### Price of Cotton

1479. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of cotton has shown signs of decline and the growers are not getting remunerative prices for the year 1989-90 due to plenty of production; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to protect the interests of growers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):(a) Prices of cotton have generally declined from the level prevailing at the beginning of

the current cotton season due to an all time record production. However, kapas prices are still ruling fairly above the minimum support level, which itself is considered to be remunerative as it includes a reasonable return to farmers, apart from covering the cost of inputs.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India Limited had been directed to step up its purchase operations to provide stability to prices of cotton especially in regions where prices approach support levels. Accordingly, CCI has already purchased 9.43 lakh bales of cotton till 14.3.90 as compared to purchase of only 4.36 lakh bales during the corresponding period in the previous season. Quotas for the export of 11.50 lakh bales of staple cotton have been released (as against 1 lakh bales released last year) to provide benefit of higher international prices to growers. Reserve Bank of India have relaxed selective credit control restrictions on purchase of cotton.

#### Scheme for Flood Control in Assam

1480. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any comprehensive plan for the control