

Improvement in the performance of NTC Mills

6577. SHRI K. S. RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a lot of improvement in the performance of NTC mills during 1989-90 as compared to 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details of the improvements made in 1989-90 and the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount provided for re-imburement of cash losses incurred by the National Textile Corporation in 1989-90;

(d) whether due to improvements in the performance of NTC mills the actual reimbursement of cash losses is likely to be less than that is provided in the budget; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period April, 1989 to February 1990, the textile mills under NTC incurred provisional net losses of Rs. 167.39 crores as compared to Rs. 271.33 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year. The provisional cash loss incurred during April, 1989 to February, 1990 was Rs. 103.65 crores as compared to Rs. 209.85 crores during the corresponding period of

the previous year.

The improvement has been made possible by the strategy pursued by the Corporation which covers, inter-alia, pruning of un-economic capacities, improving utilisation of viable and economic activities, increasing yarn production, product upgration, increasing price realisation of labour and effecting economies in purchase of cotton etc.

(c) Government had provided an amount of Rs. 287 crores in 1989-90 towards reimbursement of cash losses incurred by NTC Mills.

(d) and (e). The entire amount of Rs. 287 crores was released by the Government to NTC during 1989-90. This covered reimbursement of cash losses during 1989-90 and backlog of unreimbursed cash losses amounting to Rs. 167 crores, as on 31.3.1989.

[*Translation*]

Damage of Foodgrains

6578. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the quantity of rice and wheat rendered damaged in godowns during last three years, State-wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Some stock of foodgrains so damaged during the last three years with FCI, the main public agency handling Government stocks, are given in the annexed statement.