

making the greatest losses and which are in the urban areas ?

**SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN :** There are 8 units which are losing about Rs. 25 crores annually.

**SHRI D. B. PATIL :** It is stated in the reply that during the year 1985-86 (April 85 to February 86) the nationalised mills under NTC incurred losses amounting to Rs. 117.44 crores and the managed mills incurred losses amounting to Rs. 49.95 crores. May I know the reason for such huge losses ?

**SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN :** The life of these units is much more than my life and your life. We cannot expect that these units will be viable. But every possible effort is being made to ensure that as much losses are reduced as possible.

**PROF. K. K. TEWARY :** This is objectionable, Sir. That means that you are productive and he is not productive and you, people should be replaced. Something like that he means.

**MR. SPEAKER :** He is only comparing our lives and not our productivity.

**SHRI K. S. RAO :** Keeping in view the heavy lossess the NTC is incurring by now the Minister must have gone in depth into the causes for the loss—I just wanted to know from the hon. Minister whether he still continues to be pessimistic or is he confident that these mills will turn the corner during his tenure ?

[*Translation*]

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** How is he speaking before the Zero Hour ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Let us allow him today before the Zero Hour, We shall excuse him in the Zero Hour.

[*English*]

**SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN :** This has been the fate of so many Ministers in this Ministry. I do not think I will be able to do something spectacular.

**MR. SPEAKER :** At least be just optimistic please.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Next Question; Prof. Tewary.

**PROF. K. K. TEWARY :** Q. No. 900.

**AN HON. MEMBER :** He is nearing the Zero Hour.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Is it the fore-runner, Sir ?

**Profits Earned by STC and Measures for Promoting its Exports**

\*900. **PROF. K. K. TEWARY :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation earned any profits; during the year 1985-86;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Trading Corporation has drawn up any schemes for increasing exports through its agencies during 1986-87; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) :** (a) and (b). The profit after tax for 1985-86 is revisional estimated at Rs. 32 crores.

(c) and (d). Against direct export of Rs. 377 crores provisions estimated for 1985-86, STC has set a target of increasing and direct exports to Rs. 554 crores including Rs. 385 crores of non-canalised export during 1986-87.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** He has two zeros in his question.

**MR. SPEAKER :** He has put the question carefully.

[English]

**PROF. K. K. TEWARY :** As the time at my disposal is very short, I will put a very short question. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what exactly is the quantum of profits of this stated total profit of Rs. 32 crores from (1) export of canalised items, (2) non-canalised items and (3) sale of imported industrial commodities and industrial raw materials.

**SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER :** In 1985-86, the turnover had been Rs. 2,522.7 crores; the trading profits was Rs. 104.5 crores; I gave the profit before tax as Rs. 59 crores; the profit, after tax, as I submitted, was Rs. 32.5 crores. So far as details, item-wise, are concerned, the canalised part of it is Rs. 141.21 crores, non-canalised Rs. 231.78 crores; and off shore Rs. 3.29 crores.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

##### Import of Cashewnuts and Measures to Increase Production.

\*887. **SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have increased the import of cashewnuts recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps being taken or incentives proposed to be given to cashewnut growers to increase its production ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER)** (a) and (b).

Available statistics do not show an increasing trend in the import of raw cashewnuts.

(c) A centrally sponsored scheme for development of cashewnut is being implemented in many States and Union Territories. Besides, a multi-State Cashew Project has been taken up with the assistance of the world Bank.

##### Production of Cloth a by NTC.

\*890 **DR. V. VENKATESH :** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the subsidiary-wise rate of production of cloth and yarn manufactured by the National Textile Corporation Limited during 1984, 1985 and upto 30 April, 1986 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Janata Cloth Production has been much slashed down and so its distribution during the period ;

(c) if so, the facts thereof ; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to improve the functioning of the National Textile Corporation Mills and to avoid closing down of its units ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) :** (a) to (d). A Statement is given below

##### Statement

(a) The Subsidiary-wise production of cloth and yarn during 1984, 1985 and 1986 (January to march) was as follows :

Name of the Subsidiary	Market Yarn (Million kgs)			Cloth Production (Million metres)		
	1984	1985	1986(Jan-March) (Provl.)	1984	1985	1986(Jan-March) (Provl.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NTC (DPR)	7.40	7.84	1.95	27.30	27.39	5.03
NTC (UP)	6.24	6.76	1.88	44.72	45.53	12.14
NTC (WBAB&O)	5.06	8.08	1.81	21.67	37.61	10.34