

of handloom cloth to make it more competitive. Moreover all mills producing yarn are required to pack at least 50% of their marketable yarn in the form of hanks for supply to handloom sector. Financial assistance is also being given by Central and State Governments for setting up handloom weavers cooperative spinning mills to act as captive source for supply of hank yarn to the handloom sector.

(b) and (c) The figures of production and exports for 1984 are not yet available. However the production and exports for the financial years 1982-83 and 1983-84 are given below :

Production :	
1982-83	3253 million metres
1983-84 (Provisional)	3400 million metres
1984-85 (target)	3700 million metres.

The figures of production are derived from the civil deliveries of hank yarn by the mills.

Exports :

1982-83	Rs. 330.89 crores
1983-84 (Provisional)	Rs. 309.39 crores
1984-85 (target)	Rs. 408.00 crores

(d) In order to increase the export of handloom cloth, Vishwakarma exhibitions, Market Orientation Tours, Buyer-Seller Meets, Participation in International Fairs/Exhibitions etc., are being periodically sponsored by the Government. The programme for 1985-86 is being worked out.

Sanction of Rupees Thirty Crores to Tripura as Recommended by 8th Finance Commission

*50 SHRI AJOY BISWAS Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the union Government are aware that due to non-implementation of the recommendation of 8th Finance Commission for the year

1984-85, the Tripura Government will not get Rs 30 crores as special assistance ; and

(b) considering the backwardness of Tripura, whether Government propose to Commission for 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI VISHAWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) The Government have not accepted the recommendations of Finance Commission contained in the final report for the year 1984-85. The question of non-implementation of that report for the year 1984-85 therefore does not arise.

(b) No Sir, However, in view of the backwardness of the State, Central assistance of Rs. 82.47 crores was allocated to the State in the current year for executing a Plan of Rs. 68 crores.

Exports to USA Affected by Rising Value of Dollars

*51 SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government consider that Indian exports to USA will be adversely affected by the rising value of dollar ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps like giving more cash subsidies for other export items particularly hit by the steep rise in dollar value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Appreciation of the US dollar would make Indian exports more competitive and should not adversely affect our exports to the U.S.A.

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Shortage in West Bengal

*52 SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :