

(e) if so, the details thereof and by what time these will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The total number of jute mills lying closed at present is 8.

(b) The total production loss suffered due to the closure of these 8 mills will be approximately of the order of 325 tonnes per day.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Authorisations Issued by NCCF

*388. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of authorisations issued by the Delhi Branch of the National Consumer Cooperative Federation during 1987 and 1988 in favour of primary cooperatives for supply of confiscated goods from various branches of the National Consumer Cooperative Federation outside Delhi;

(b) whether the authorisations conformed to the instructions issued by the Head Office of the National Consumer Cooperative Federation and approved by the Head Office;

(c) whether the goods were actually transported to NCCF godown for delivery to the Stores concerned;

(d) whether any assessment has been made as to the Sales Tax liability of NCCF on these transactions; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in respect of the alleged irregularities and recovery of

amount of Sales Tax liability?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (e). A complaint in this regard has been received by the NCCF. It is under their investigation.

[*Translation*]

Assistance to Wool Banks

*389. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any wool bank has been set up to give encouragement to woollen handlooms in Pithoragarh and Almora districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the date from which the wool bank is functioning and the amount of assistance provided by Government for the purpose so far;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is a great shortage of soft yarn and Rajasthani wool, in these wool banks for the last several months; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Purchase of Unani Medicines

3673. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of