

'workers cooperative' to swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd.;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the details of 'workers co-operative scheme' and the policy of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) According to available information no cotton textile unit has been entrusted to 'workers cooperatives' for management. There is at present no proposal under consideration for handing over any particular unit to the workers for its management.

(b) At present there is no proposal under consideration to hand over Swadeshi Cotton Mills to 'workers cooperative'.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No 'workers cooperative scheme' has been finalised so far.

Revision of Pay Scales in Departmentalised Accounts Organisation

*474. SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance has sent a proposal regarding revision of pay scales of his organisation ; and

(b) if so: details of the proposals and action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals envisaged revision in the scales of pay of the posts of Pay and Accounts Officers, Junior Accounts Officers and Junior and Senior

Accountants and a certain percentage of the Group 'D' posts. Since the Fourth Central Pay Commission has already been set up by Government, these proposals should appropriately be considered by that Body.

Accumulation of Opium Stock

*475. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge quantity of opium is accumulating and demand for opium in the foreign market is not encouraging ;

(b) if so, the estimated stock of opium at present : and

(c) how the Government propose to protect the interest of opium-growers and this traditional sources of foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) to (c) The production of opium in India is essentially export-oriented. Our exports of opium during the last few years have been as follows :—

Year	Quantity in Metric Tonnes at 90°C
1977-78	978
1978-79	852
1979-80	796
1980-81	444
1981-82	585
1982-83	845
1983-84	677