

(a) whether any target has been fixed to increase the export potential during 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what is the target ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) the export target for 1984-85 is under formulation.

Spares of Centurian Tank

*861. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recent evaluation the spares of Centurian tanks which were considered scrap and unusable in 1980 and a part of which were disposed of have now been found usable and fit for being used to overhaul and repair the tanks;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating how the spares declared 'scrap' in 1980 are now found usable and fit to overhaul tanks; and

(c) what is the quantity and value of the spares declared as 'scrap' and disposed of because of earlier evaluation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) Spares of Centurian Tanks were not considered as scrap and unusable, but were surplus to our requirements and hence were disposed off. These have not been used subsequently, as the re-commissioning of the tanks has been ruled out.

(c) 127 items of spares, which were found to be surplus, were sold for 9 lakhs US Dollars.

Vayudoot Service link for Cuddapah

*862. SHRI K. OBUL REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering

to run Vayudoot or Aero services via Cuddapah;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to run the Vayudoot services to link Cuddapah; and

(c) whether Cuddapah aerodrome will be repaired ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Cuddapah is one of the stations approved in principle for the introduction of Vayudoot services.

(b) Vayudoot have conducted a traffic survey of Cuddapah to assess whether the traffic potential will sustain an economically viable service.

(c) The development of the airport will be taken up on Vayudoot indicating their firm plans to operate to it and subject to availability of funds.

Production of Yarn by Co-operative Spinning Mills

9021. SHRI ASHFAQ HUSAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of yarn by Co-operative Spinning Mills in India from the years 1980-81 to 1982-83 mill-wise and year-wise;

(b) the production of hank yarn and non-hank yarn during this period mill-wise and years-wise; and

(c) the above data of production of yarn by Handloom Weavers Co-operative Spinning Mills Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Mills and Cotton growers Co-operative Mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The data is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.