

Revival and Taking over of Sick Mills by National Textile Corporation

*1701. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount set apart by the National Textile Corporation to revive sick mills in the current year ;

(b) how many mills had been taken over and what is the amount spent ; and

(c) whether any mills have been taken over in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Rs. 332.07 lakhs.

(b) 28 cotton textile mills. The National Textile Corporation and the Central Government have so far advanced loans amounting to Rs. 617.55 lakhs and 175.00 lakhs respectively to these mills.

(c) No, Sir.

Winding of S.T.C. Subsidiary in Canada

*1702. SHRI D. N. MAHATA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has decided to wind up the subsidiary in Canada ;

(b) the source of capital in foreign exchange for this subsidiary in North America ; and

(c) how the subsidiary Company will be voluntarily liquidated without additional financial obligation in foreign exchange on the State Trading Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Remittance from India.

(c) By further remittances of foreign exchange, if necessary.

Arrest of Mujahids in Nachna Station Area of Jaisalmer District (Rajasthan)

1703. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government

have unearthed a Pakistani plan to infiltrate trained Mujahids into the border areas of Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts ;

(b) if so, whether three such infiltrators have been arrested in the Nachna Station area of Jaisalmer District ; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to help the State Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, such a possibility cannot be discounted. The Border Security Force and the State authorities are fully alive to the needs of the situation and are exercising adequate vigilance over the border areas. Close and continuous liaison is being maintained among all the States and Central authorities concerned with the security of this area.

Murder of Government Employees in District Birbhum (West Bengal)

*1704. SHRI GADADHAR SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent murder of some Government employees in the District of Birbhum (West Bengal) ;

(b) whether any enquiry was made into it ; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The State Government of West Bengal have reported that during month of May and June five State Government servants have been killed in Birbhum District.

(b) and (c). Cases have been registered and the under investigation. Government are keeping a close watch on the law and order situation in Birbhum district. In view of the number of incidents of gun-snatching, murder and lawlessness which took place in Birbhum district, the State Administration obtained the assistance of the Army to cordon off areas to undertake intensive searches and to apprehend Naxalites and other anti-social elements in the district. All possible steps are being taken to curb violent activities.