

**Offer of Cotton Yarn to India by U.S.A.**

\*397. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. Government has offered cotton yarn to some countries including India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government of India thereto; and

(c) whether India has agreed to accept the offer and the broad outlines of the terms and conditions of the agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No offer has been received by the Government of India from the U.S. Government regarding supply of cotton yarn.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

**Long Term Aid Commitment by West Germany**

\*398. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Germany is prepared to make long-term aid commitment to India to enable the Government of India to implement high priority projects;

(b) whether this indication was given by the Economic Cooperation Minister of West Germany when he met the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister in November, 1973; and

(c) If so, whether any final agreement has been reached as to the quantum of aid to be given to India by West Germany and the manner of its utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) and (b). Dr. Erhard Eppler, Minister for Economic Cooperation of the Government of Federal Republic of Germany, visited India from the 11th to the 19th Novem-

ber, 1973 at our invitation. During his stay a number of matters covering a wide range of subjects of mutual interest, particularly pertaining to economic cooperation were discussed. A Joint Statement in the form of a Press Release was issued at the end of his visit which broadly gives the gist of these discussions. A copy of the same is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5935/73].

Dr. Eppler during his talks, indicated that the Federal Republic of Germany was eager to find the most adequate means for meeting the needs of her partner countries and making her instruments of assistance as flexible as possible. In this context he has suggested that a new approach could be considered by his Government for financing fully or partly-development programmes of the Indian Government over several years.

(c). No specific discussions were held on the quantum of aid to be given by the Federal Republic of Germany to India in the forthcoming years and the question of reaching any final agreement on this account, therefore, did not arise.

**External Survey by Income Tax Department**

\*400. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether external survey works have been suspended by the Income-tax Department in Delhi, West Bengal and other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the effect thereof on revenue collection;

(c) the broad facts about the findings of the external survey conducted during the years from 1970 to 1972 and whether Government are satisfied by the results obtained;

(d) whether the whole system of external survey will be reviewed for strengthening the system of effective tax collection; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken, and if not, the reasons thereof?