

से संबंधित क्षेत्रीय अध्ययन पहले ही प्रारम्भ किये जा चुके हैं इसमें अत्यन्त विशाल कार्य होना है और उम्मीद है कि लगभग पांच साल के अन्दर योजना की रूप रेखा उपलब्ध हो जाएगी।

#### Rise in Prices of Cotton Yarn in U. P.

\*54. SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the high rise in the prices of cotton yarn during the last six months or so in U.P. thus threatening the closure of small handlooms and throwing out of employment some thousands of handloom weavers; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government propose to take to arrest the deteriorating situation and control the prices of the cotton yarn for use by the handloom weavers in U.P. ?

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

(b) A statement showing the steps taken by Govt. to check the rise in the prices of cotton and cotton yarn and supply of yarn to handloom and powerloom weavers, etc., is laid on the Table of the House. The situation is being watched closely and such further measures as may be considered necessary will be taken from time to time.

#### Statement

The following steps have been taken by Government to check the rise in the prices of cotton yarn and to supply cotton yarn to powerloom and handloom weavers, etc:-

i. To augment the cotton supply position, with a view to maintaining adequate supplies of yarn, import of additional quan-

ties of foreign cotton and staple fibre in large quantities have been arranged. In addition, (1) forward trading in Kapas has been suspended, (2) the period of delivery for non-transferable specific delivery contract for domestic cotton has been reduced, (3) statutory stock limits for cotton have been reduced to one month for mills in Bombay and Ahmedabad, 1½ months for mills elsewhere, except in Assam, and 2½ months for mills in Assam; and (4) restrictions have been imposed on credits and stock limits on cotton held by mills.

2. In order to assist the cotton handloom, powerloom and hosiery sectors, it has been decided to create a special pool of cotton carded yarn for supply to cotton handloom, powerloom and hosiery sector of the cotton textile industry to alleviate, to some extent, the shortage of yarn felt by these sectors.

3. The Indian Cotton Mills Federation has requested its member Associations to advise their member mills to render assistance in supplying yarn to cotton handlooms and powerlooms. The Federation is also operating a voluntary scheme for mutual help to needy mills by way of ensuring availability of cotton by way of loans, or otherwise.

#### तेलंगाना को पृथक राज्य बनाना

\*55. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार लोक सभा के मध्यावधि चुनावों के परिणामों को ध्यान में रखते हुए तेलंगाना को पृथक राज्य बनाने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक लिया जायेगा ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में श्री इलेक्ट्रोनिक्स, अणुशक्ति और विज्ञान तथा औद्योगिकी विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्णाचन्द्र पन्त) :

(क) कोई नया प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।