

(b) whether Government are aware that at many residential colonies, due to lack of cleaning, these garbage bins are stinking and overflowing causing health hazards; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed by Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):** (a) Garbage bins are provided by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the New Delhi Municipal Committee as per requirements of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act and the Punjab Municipal Act in residential areas, commercial areas and other public places.

(b) and (c). All efforts are made to clean the garbage bins as frequently as possible.

[*Translation*]

#### **Production and Procurement of Cotton**

**7025. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of cotton during the current crop season, State-wise;

(b) the procurement of cotton made by cooperative societies and the Cotton Corporation of India, separately, State-wise;

(c) the export quota fixed for cooperative societies and the Cotton Corporation of India, separately out of the cotton procured by them, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Markfed procures more cotton in Punjab than the Cotton Corporation of India but Markfed has been allocated less export quota than the CCI; and

(e) if so, the reasons for allocations of less export quota to markfed than the CCI;

(f) whether Government propose to increase the export quota of Markfed and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the criteria laid down for determining the export quota?

**THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) and (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

#### **Leprosy Patients**

**7026. SHRI A.K. ROY:**  
**SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy patients in India, State-wise;

(b) the leprosy prone zones of the country; and

(c) the steps taken to eradicate leprosy and the rehabilitation of patients?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):**

(a) State-wise number of leprosy patients on records as on February, 1990 is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) South Eastern Zone, foothills of Himalayas and some pockets in the middle of the country are having more endemicity of leprosy which are considered as leprosy prone areas. The States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Pondicherry, West Bengal, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Baster areas of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka,