

[English]

Tube Wells in Kerala

4580. SHRIRAMESHCHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Department have chalked out any plan to dig new tubewells in Kottayam district of Kerala; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Development of Cottage Industry

4581. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether world famous Zari industry of Surat is on the verge of extinction

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for the development of this industry which is providing livelihood to a large number of poor people engaged in this cottage industry; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned during the period from 1986-87 to 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken/proposed for the development of Zari industry:—

1. Exports of Zari and Zari products are eligible for the following export incentives:—

(i) Cash Compensatory Support @10% of FOB value.

(ii) Import Replenishment @ 15% of FOB value.

(iii) Duty Drawback @13% of FOB value subject to a maximum of Rs. 27/- per kg.

(iv) Pre/Post shipment credit is also available on concessional rate of interest i.e. 7.5% to 9.5% depending upon nature and duration of credit

2. The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts has been set up, which has a separate panel for Zari, lace and embroidered goods.

3. Necessary facilities for import of requisite inputs required for production of handicrafts including Zari and Zari products are available under Duty Exemption Scheme.

4. A sales-cum-study team is proposed to be sponsored to Middle East Countries during 1990-91 for exploring export potentials for handicrafts including Zari and Zari products.

(c) Exports of Zari products are as under:—

Year	Value in Rs. lakhs (Provisional)
1986-87	223.96
1987-88	270.09
1988-89	592.76