tion of nylon yarn in the past, the availability of other types of artsilk yarn etc.

U.S. Ambassador's Statement Re. Indo-U.S. Trade

*1448. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA: SHRI VALMIKI CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Statement made by the U.S. Ambassador to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry that U.S.A. will reduce export of hippies to India if India sent to U.S.A. more of human hair, cowboy boots and khadi cloth;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the other suggestions which have been made by the U.S. Ambassador?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). The reference relating to the export of hippies from U.S.A. was made obviously in a lighter vein. The main reference was to the export possibilities of a number of traditional and non-traditional Indian products in the American markets, such as tea, human hair, cowboy boots and Khadi cloth. The trade delegation which visited U.S.A. in January 1970 made certain recommendations for strengthening India's position in the traditional items and for increasing exports by identifying new products for export to the U.S.A. These recommendations are under the active consideration of the Government.

(c) The U.S. Ambassador also referred to the attention given by his Government to the solution of trade problems of developing countries, such as the U.S. offer in the UNCTAD—General Scheme of Preferences, and the elimination of non-tariff barriers. Emphasis was laid on the action to be taken by the businessmen of the two countries to develop trade.

Performance of Selected Industries in Export Performance

*1449. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have been disappointed at the performance of units in 10 selected industries in which Government have linked export performance to import entitlements; and
- (b) if so, which are those industries that have been indicated in the category and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) The export performance of the industrial units covered by the scheme of compulsory exports has, by and large, been disappointing.

(b) The lists of industries covered by the scheme for the year 1969-70 and 1970-71 are placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3419/70]

Allocation of Funds for Godavari Project near Paithan in Maharashtra

- *1451. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the work on the Godavari Project near Paithan in Maharashtra has slowed down due to inadequate provision of funds;
- (b) if so, whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Maharashtra for allocation of more funds outside the Plan provisions; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) The Government of Maharashtra have stated that the progress of work on the Jayakwadi Project has had to be restricted, keeping in view the resources position.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Preference to Students who are Members of Indo-Soviet Friendship Society for admission in Moscow University

•1452. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: