

(b) if so, the details of pending duty realised from M/s Indian Tobacco Company Ltd. during 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Streamlining the Marketing set up of National Textile Corporation

611. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to streamline the marketing set up of National Textile Corporation;

(b) whether steps are also proposed to be taken to reduce the role of middle men; and

(c) the specific steps taken to pass on the benefit to the consumer and to meet the growing need of blended fabrics ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Government periodically reviews the operations of National Textile Corporation including its marketing process. Recently the marketing set up of NTC was reorganised to meet supplies to Government under single tender system and to make efforts to increase sales to Public Sector Undertakings and State Governments, Institutions and also to increase exports.

(b) and (c) Sales to Central/State Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings, sales of controlled cloth distributed through NCCF and sales through its own retail shops are made directly without middlemen.

The production of blended fabrics by NTC mills is proposed to be increased from 4.6% to 19.7% of the total cloth production by 1989-1990. NTC has already introduced production

of cotton polyester blended shirting as part of the controlled cloth scheme.

Export of Superior Variety of Rice

612. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether in view of huge stocks of rice available with Food Corporation of India and record output of foodgrains in 1983-84, Government propose to permit export of fine and superfine varieties of rice to other countries apart from Basmati variety which is exported in smaller quantities to earn valuable foreign exchange as well as to enable the farmers to get a better price for the paddy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : No, Sir.

Erratic Power Supply to Coal Mines

613. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that erratic power supply was the main reason for the low production of coal in all the major mines in the country;

(b) Whether Government have appointed any Committee to go into the power supply to the coal mines;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its Report and the salient features of the Report; and

(d) if not, the time by which the Report is expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) Erratic power supply has been affecting production of coal mainly in the mines of Eastern Coalfields Ltd., and Bharat Coking Coal Limited,

(b) A committee headed by Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, has been appointed on 27.5.1985 to go into the problem of power supply to