

economy measures, such as, reduction in posts at various levels, ban on air travel by first class, ban on accommodation in hotel suites while on tour, reduction in consumption/expenditure on petrol/diesel, restriction on expenditure on OTA, surrender of telephone lines, restriction on conferences, seminars and purchase of vehicles etc., have been issued from time to time. Information in regard to savings on account of these measures is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d). Foreign visits are undertaken by Ministers only when it is essential in discharge of their official duties. The information regarding the foreign visits of Central Ministers is not centrally compiled.

Hosiery Export

1566. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope to increase hosiery export from the country;

(b) if so, the details of the hosiery exported and foreign exchange earned during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the hosiery export during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a great scope to increase hosiery export from the country.

(b) The details of the hosiery exported and foreign exchange earned during the last three years are as follows:

Value in US Million \$

1991	542.40
1992	751.00
1993	1052.72

Source: Apparel Export Promotion Council

(c) Introduction of a unified market determined exchange rate system, convertibility of the rupee current account, facilitating import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production increased availability of exports credit, permission to retain the Foreign Exchange receipts to the extent of 25%, in Foreign Currency account, encouraging participation by exporters in Buyer-Seller Meets, Fairs, Exhibition etc. are some of the steps taken by the Government to increase exports including hosiery exports.

NTC Mills in Gujarat

1567. SHRI HARILAL NANJI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills run by the National Textiles Corporation in Gujarat;

(b) the number of mills out of them running in losses;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to run those mills in profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) 11 Textile mills are being run by National Textile Corporation in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) All these mills are incurring losses on account of old and obsolete machinery low productivity, low capacity utilisation excess man-power, increase in the cost of cotton and other inputs etc

(d) Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC including the mills of NTC in Gujarat The key elements of this strategy include selective modernisation financial and managerial restructuring and rationalisation of surplus workforce under Voluntary Retirement Scheme It is expected that NTC including its mills in Gujarat would be able to attain profitability in three years with the successful implementation of the Turn Around Strategy The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has been entrusted with the responsibility of the revival of the mills under NTC (Gujarat) Ltd under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985

[Translation]

**Jobless Workers of Closed Units of
M.P.**

1568 SHRI SATY NARAYAN JATIYA Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) the details of the industrial units closed down in Madhya Pradesh during 1993

(b) the number of workers rendered jobless due to the closure of those units, and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of the jobless workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A SANGMA) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

**Bank Branches in Trans-Yamuna area
of Delhi**

1569 SHRI B L SHARMA PREM Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of branches of public sector banks in trans-Yamuna area of Delhi bank-wise

(b) whether the people in this area of Delhi specially in rural areas are facing great difficulty due to shortage of bank branches and

(c) if so the details of the branches proposed to be opened in the above area during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR ABRAR AHMED) (a) Bank-wise number of branches of Public Sector Banks functioning in trans-Yamuna area of Delhi is indicated below —

Name of Bank	No of branches
1 Allahabad Bank	1
2 Andhra Bank	1
3 Bank of Baroda	4
4 Bank of India	2
5 Bank of Maharashtra	2
6 Canara Bank	2