

structured the composition of its' Governing Body. SEBI has asked the Exchange to improve its performance and SEBI is keeping a watch on the Exchange.

Textile Mills in Maharashtra

2450. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile mills in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of mills out of them which are running into losses;

(c) whether there is any proposal to sell the loss making mills to private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for their revival and modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) and (b). 34 out of the 35 textile mills run by NTC in Maharashtra are incurring losses.

(c) and (d). No specific proposal is under consideration of the Government to sell the loss making mills of NTC in Maharashtra to the private sector.

(e) The Cotton Textile Research Associations have on the instructions of the Ministry of Textiles, prepared a fresh modernisation plan for the revival of NTC which would require approval of the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, before implementation.

Vayudoot Services

2451. DR. VASANT NIWRUTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the areas to which the Vayudoot is operating its services at present;

(b) whether arrival of the air taxi operators in the country has affected the Vayudoot operations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A list of stations to which Vayudoot is operating at present is given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

STATEMENT

List of Stations to which Vayudoot is operating

Eastern Region	Western Region	Southern Region
Agartala	Belgaum	Agatti
Aizwal	Bombay	Cochin
Bagdogra	Diu	
Calcutta	Kandla	
Cooch Behar	Keshod	

Eastern Region	Western Region	Southern Region
Shillong	Kohlapur	
	Porbandar	
	Pune	
	Rajkot	

[English]

NAFTA and APEC

2453. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the recent developments leadings to the formation of NAFTA and APEC;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Govern- ment thereto in the context of develop- ment of trade between the developed and developing countries and economic coop- eration between North and South;

(c) whether these developments are likely to have any impact on the working of the revised GATT; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d).

1. Although the multilateral trad- ing system has been strength- ened by the recently concluded negotiations under the Uruguay Round, there is also a simultaneous trend towards the formation of regional economic integration arrangements.
2. If such regional groupings lead to general increase in the level of economic activity, it can throw up new trading opportu- nities for countries outside the grouping, as well.
3. All these arrangements are derogations from the Most Favoured Nation principle of GATT and are permitted by

[Translation]

World Bank Report on Commercial Banks

2452. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1279 on Decem- ber 10, 1993 and state:

(a) whether information in regard to the report of the World Bank on Commer- cial Banks has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PAR- LIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b). In a recent internal report analysing a World Bank assisted Project supporting India's national agricul- ture term credit programme, the Bank has indicated that while the production objec- tives of the project have largely been met, progress on correcting systemic problems such as collection rates was less encour- aging.

(c) Does not arise.