

Target set for Export of Garments

430. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to increase the export of garments;

(b) whether the target fixed for the export of garments during the Seventh Plan period has been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to set higher target for the export of garments in Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Exports in the terminal year of VIIth plan is expected to be Rs. 3100 crores against a target of Rs. 2600 crores. Exports at the end of VIIIth plan are expected to reach Rs. 9,000/- crores.

Import of Looms by NTC

431. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Textile Corporation imported looms in 1987;

(b) if so, the countries from which such looms were imported and the cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government evaluated the workability of those imported looms;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) whether National Textile Corporation have further placed orders for the import of looms from Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and other countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. National Textile Corporation imported 200 STB shuttleless Looms from USSR at a cost of Rs. 5.2 crores, after Government's approval.

(c) and (d). The looms are working at 90% utilisation and their performance is found to be satisfactory.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance for Prevention of Ganga-Erosions in West Bengal

432. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have since received requests from Government of West Bengal for financial assistance to implement the master plan for the prevention of Ganga-erosion in some districts of West Bengal viz Murshidabad, Maldah and Nadia;