

(d) what is the total expenditure involved in the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d). The Government has no proposal for any major drive to improve the quality standards of textiles. However, the Government keeps a close watch on the developments in the Textile Industry including aspects concerning quality standards. As and when there is a crisis in any segment of the Textile Industry, appropriate measures are taken through policy intervention.

As regards providing state of art facilities to the Textile Industry, there are a number of Textile Research Associations which are providing Research and Development facilities to the Industry. Some of the important projects sponsored by the Government of India to the Textile Research Associations for improvement in the quality of Textile items, including cotton yarn are as under:

- 1) Improving the quality of cotton through suitable ginning practices.
- 2) Measures to achieve yarn quality specifically for export.
- 3) Development of suitable sewing threads for production of quality garments.
- 4) Development of speciality polymeric finishes for Jube and Slended Fabrics.
- 5) Development of Computer Aided Designs for Textiles.
- 6) Development of most effective and Eco-friendly products and processes for processing of Textiles.

Export of Rice Husk Waste

8496. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any survey for the possibility of earning foreign exchange through export of rice husk waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated quantity of rice husk that can be exported per year and the foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No study has been undertaken to specifically explore the possibility of exporting rice husk waste.

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

Setting up of Airport at Mysore

8497. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will The Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand to set up a new airport at Mysore with private sector participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No proposal has been received for setting up of a new airport at Mysore with the help of private parties.

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

Income Tax Collection

8498. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will The Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for income tax collection and actual revenue collected during 1994-95, region-wise;

(b) the regions in which short-fall in collection was recorded; and

(c) the action being taken to improve the functioning in the regions where the targets during 1994-95 were not achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY) : (a) and (b). The desired information is given in the annexed statement,

(c) The Budget Estimate : for collection of Corporation tax and Income tax for 1994-95 was Rs.23405 crores. As against this, the department collected Rs. 25773 crores, exceeding