

(b) if so, the steps being taken to make them attractive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Life Insurance Corporation of India have been keeping pace with the changing needs by continuously reviewing their existing plans and devising new plans to suit the requirements of the changing times. They have modified the terms and conditions of the existing plans to make them more attractive and acceptable. New insurance plans like Money Back Plan, Progressive Protection Policy, Children's Anticipated Policy, Jana Raksha Policy, etc., have also been evolved taking into account the changes in socio-economic conditions and consequent shift in consumer preference.

Availability of Yarn to Weavers in Barabanki District of U. P.

5170. **SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT :** Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is one spinning mill and are retail shop in Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh for providing yarn to weavers;

(b) if so, the reasons for which yarn is not being made available to weavers and whether working of spinning mill and retail shop is not satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard and the measures taken to make yarn available to weavers and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, one Unit of U. P. State Spinning Mills Company (No. 1) Ltd., is located at Barabanki district. The Mill has opened a retail outlet in its premises in order to facilitate the supply of yarn to the weavers at the mill-gate.

(b) No complaint has been brought to the notice of the Central Government regarding the working of the Spinning mill and its retail shop.

(c) Does not arise.

Rise in Price of Staple Yarn in U. P.

5171. **SHRI KAMLA PRASAD**

RAWAT : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of weavers in the country and the number of weavers in district Barabanki in U. P. out of them;

(b) whether price of staple yarn has gone up recently by Rs. 30 per bundle;

(c) if so, the reasons for increasing the prices thereof;

(d) whether keeping in view the financial difficulty of weavers, Government propose to reduce the prices of staple yarn per bundle which has been increased recently;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) There are approximately one crore weavers in the country and the estimated number of weavers in Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh is about 57,000.

(b) There has been some increase in the prices of staple yarn and according to information received from Coimbatore market, the prices for 2/44s have gone up by about Rs. 20 per bundle of 5 kgs., between December, 1984 and mid-April, 1985.

(c) to (f). The increase in the price of staple yarn may be attributable to a number of factors including the cost of inputs. There is no statutory price control on staple fibre spun yarn produced in the country. These are also on OGL for imports.

Fees charged for Appu-ghar and other Pavilions at Pragati Maidan

5172. **SHRI R. M. BHOYE :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether tickets in the Pragati Maidan are not sold at one point but have to be purchased from different pavilions or separately for Appu-ghar, train and swings;

(b) if so, the rates of tickets in each case; and

(c) whether Government propose to make the entry free for children for all these