

(a) the total number of employees working in State Trading Corporation through out the country ;

(b) the number of them who belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Communities ;

(c) whether reservation quota in promotion of employees is maintained by S.T.C. ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The total number of employees working in the STC through out the country is 2439.

(b) The total number of employees belonging to SC/ST communities is 282.

(c) and (d). Reservation quota is maintained in promotion. In time bound promotion such quota is not maintained. SC ST are given preference by taking 1 year qualifying period for such promotion at each stage.

#### Scales of Pay and Service Conditions of Bank Officers

4824. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the scales of pay and service conditions of bank officers are being revised without any formal or informal bilateral negotiations with the representatives of the association of bank officers; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to settle the issues regarding emoluments and service conditions through bilateral talks with the associations of officers in banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Wage revision for officers in public sector banks is not an issue for negotiation or settlement with the associations of officers. However, as per the practice, Indian Banks' Association representing the managements of banks had consultations with the major unions representing the officers in public sector banks and had thereafter forwarded these recommendations to Government. Government, after examining the recommendations, agreed for a wage revision in terms of which the wage bill of officers is estimated to go up by about 13.5% and resulting in an increase of about Rs. 80 crores per year.

#### Enactment of Subsidy to Weavers

4825. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount given as subsidy at the rate of Rs. 2/- per metre of the cloth distributed as janata cloth for the year 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) the break up of this amount State-wise for the above two years; and

(c) in view of the labour wages having gone up in the recent times, whether Government propose to enhance the subsidy amount adequately to help the handloom weavers and enable them to get reasonable returns ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The total amount given as subsidy on janata cloth to various States during 1983-84 and 1984-85 was Rs. 47.24 crores and Rs. 58.28 crores respectively. However, the rate of subsidy was increased to Rs. 2/- per square metre with effect from 1st October, 1984. Earlier it was Rs. 1.50 per square metre with effect from 1st July, 1981.

(b) A State-wise statement showing

the Janata subsidy released during 1983-84 and 1984-85 is given below.

(c) The subsidy was enhanced from

Rs. 1.50 per square metre to Rs. 2/- per square metre with effect from 1st October, 1984, in view of the increase in the cost of inputs and wages.

**Statement**

*Statement showing the State-wise amount released as Janata Cloth Subsidy.*

*(Rs. in lakhs)*

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	1983-84	1984-85
1.	Andhra Pradesh	304.52	539.02
2.	Karnataka	132.72	188.90
3.	Kerala	19.68	20.04
4.	Tamilnadu	553.73	690.33
5.	Pondicherry	1.11	---
6.	Madhya Pradesh	199.81	296.84
7.	Uttar Pradesh	1251.15	1378.16
8.	Bihar	589.45	738.22
9.	Orissa	368.33	469.71
10.	West Bengal	360.43	466.28
11.	Gujarat	56.52	93.65
12.	Maharashtra	804.31	822.46
13.	Tripura	43.21	70.77
14.	Rajasthan	2.28	17.73
15.	Assam	38.03	35.72
Total :		4724.30	5827.85

**Woollen Blankets May Cost More Owing to Rise in Prices of Raw Materials**

4826. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether woollen blankets will cost more owing to sharp rise in prices of raw materials as reported in the 'Indian Express' of August, 1985;

(b) if so, whether any steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that blankets are made available at cheaper rates at least to the poorer sections; and

(c) whether more rags will be imported to increase supply of wool for the poorer consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The cost of some inputs such as rags for the manufacture of blankets is reported to have gone up, which affect prices to some extent.

(b) Blankets made from shoddy and Indian wool are usually bought by the poorer sections of the society. With a