

**Quality Coefficient to Viscose Fibres**

607. DR. A.K. PATEL :

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the tenacity (quality) coefficients of the viscose fibres produced in India and their cost of production per kg. ;

(b) how do these coefficients and production costs compare with those of the Japanese Ordinary, Lon Bell and Super Lon Bell fibres and also these of Taiwan, South Korea, Yugoslavia, Courtaulds (England) etc. ;

(c) the reasons for the low quality of Indian fibres ; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the quality and to lower the cost of the Indian fibres so as to compete in the international market ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The tenacity coefficient of Viscose Fibre depends upon the type of wood pulp used i.e. wood used in the manufacture of pulp. According to a major manufacturer the cost of production during 1984-85 varied from Rs. 17.90 to 20.74 per kg. for viscose staple fibre and was Rs. 27.22 per kg. for grasslene fibre. The tenacity of Indian Viscose Staple Fibre produced from various types of wood is comparable to the fibres produced in other countries. The tenacity coefficient of Viscose Fibre produced in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, England, etc. will vary as the types indicated therein are their trade marks and their proprietary products.

(d) In order to improve the availability of suitable fibres at competitive prices for projected requirements, Government have, from time to time, issued letters of intent for fresh capacity.

**Conference between Government and Non-Resident Indians for Industrial Development**

608. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference between Government and Non-resident Indians will be held in January, 1987 for development of industries ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No Sir. Some NRIs have conveyed the intention of holding a Conference in New Delhi in January, 1987 and also sought cosponsorship of IIC. However, a decision has been taken that no cosponsorship of any Government agency would be given. There are a number of organisations of NRI's and it is difficult to select any particular organisation as a representative body. It has been conveyed to the organisers of this conference that the responsibility for convening the conference, conducting and financing it would be theirs.

(b) The question does not arise.

**Export of Handloom Garments**

609. SHRI KADAMBUR M R. JANARTHANAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are thinking of streamlining the Handloom Industry in the country ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Handloom exporters in the Southern States are having great difficulty in exporting the Handloom garments to other countries due to the latest policy of Government of giving quota on first come first served basis ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to remove the grievances of the manufacturers and exporters of Southern States ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Govt. has been taking a number of steps for increasing productivity and the earning of the weavers and also the quality of the Handloom products.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise,