

regard and if so, the outcome of the talks held ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) In the Indo-Pak meeting on the reopening of Munabao-Khokrapar rail route held in July, 1986, a decision was taken to reopen the rail-route. The agreement for the reopening of the rail route is yet to be signed.

Cotton Exported from Gujarat

1676. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of cotton exported from Gujarat during each of the last two years ; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to find out new markets for export of cotton ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMER) : (a) A quantity of 18,879 bales was exported from Gujarat during 1984-85, while a quantity of 83,092 bales was registered for export during 1985-86.

(b) Enquiries from overseas buyers, are promptly attended to. Besides, delegations visit foreign countries to strengthen the existing markets and find out new markets.

Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

1677. SHRI KAILASH YADAV :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction was to be appointed under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 ;

(b) if so, the details about the constitution of the Board, the names of the office-bearers and the functions given to them ; and

(c) the details about the action taken

by Government against any industrial undertaking alongwith the reasons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The constitution of the Board is under the consideration of Government. When it is set up, it will function under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Review of US Policy of Arms Supply to Pakistan Consequent on Withdrawal of Soviet Troops from Afghanistan

1678. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Soviet Union has started withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan as announced by it ;

(b) if so, Government's information about the progress made so far in this regard ; and

(c) whether Government of India has brought this development to the notice of US Government urging it to review its policy of arms supply to Pakistan on the plea of helping the latter to withstand the threat from Afghanistan side and if so, the response of US Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) According to Soviet official announcements the withdrawal of six regiments of Soviet troops from Afghanistan began on 15 October 1986 and was completed on 31 October 1986.

(c) Government have repeatedly drawn the attention of the United States Government to the fact that its massive arms supplies to Pakistan do not relate to the situation in Afghanistan.

Implementation of Reservation Rules in Allahabad Bank

1679. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN :
SHRI ANANDI CHARAN DAS :
SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :