

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Orders</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Total value (Rs. lakhs)</i>	<i>Country</i>
1986-87	2	DMS Boots, Shoes and Slings	28.15	Nigeria
1987-88	6	DMS Boots, Shoes, Slings, Belts, Badges, Buckles, etc.	43.46	Nigeria

MMTC & PEC have not secured any export orders for export of defence items during last 2 years.

#### **Production in Spinning Mill in Orissa**

7154. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some spinning mills set up in Orissa have started commercial production;

(b) if so, the names of those mills and since when commercial production commenced in those spinning mills; and

(c) the capacity of those mills and to what extent production started by those mills so far?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c). In the absence of definite period to which the question relates, it is difficult to furnish the information asked for.

#### **Long term lending to Scheduled Caste to establish industries**

7155. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to grant long term lending to Scheduled Castes applicable for establishing industries, etc.;

and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). The banks are providing loans to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on a continuous basis for economically viable activities. The outstanding advances of all Scheduled Commercial Banks as at the end of December 1986 (latest available from Reserve Bank of India) in favour of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for small scale industries were Rs. 155.31 crores in 4.07 lakh borrowal accounts.

#### **Single agency for the UP trades**

7156. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USSR has suggested single agency for tie up trades;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether a number of Indian private sector companies are negotiating with the

Soviet authorities for setting up joint production facilities both in Russia and India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). Trade with USSR is conducted in non-convertible Indian Rupees on an overall balanced basis. Individual exchange deals will be balanced with this framework.

(c) and (d). Government has approved a joint venture project for setting up a restaurant in USSR. A similar proposal from another company has been received for grant of approval. A number of other projects are being discussed. These cover areas of leather, textiles, chemicals, engineering etc.

**Utilisation of Drought and Flood Aid by West Bengal**

7157. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the Central assistance sanctioned, disbursed and utilised by West Bengal to meet the situation arising out of drought and flood, separately, during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): West Bengal was not affected by drought during the last three years i.e. 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 and as such neither any ceiling of expenditure was approved nor any Central assistance was released to the State Government during these years.

As regards floods, a Statement is given below.