

(b) the recommendations of this study with special reference to public awareness and preventive measures; and

(c) the steps taken to tackle the problem of the increase in demand for cataract operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Public awareness is being promoted.

(c) The problem of increasing demands for cataract operation is being tackled with the help of Central Mobile Ophthalmic Units, District Mobile Ophth. Units stationed in various states, and by organizing eye camps in different States/Union Territories, through Voluntary Organisations.

#### **Shifting of Government Offices Outside Delhi**

7807. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of offices/subordinate offices of Union Government which were decided to be shifted outside Delhi as a part of decongestion/decentralisation drive;

(b) when such a decision was taken and the particulars of offices which have already been shifted;

(c) the particulars of offices which have not been shifted as yet and the reasons therefor;

(d) the criteria adopted for such shifting;

(e) the details of new offices opened/shifted from outside to the capital since the decision was taken and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps contemplated to ensure that offices functioning in New Delhi for a

long period are not shifted to avoid the problem of rehabilitation of large families?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI):  
(a) to (f). The information is being Collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### **Sickness in Textile Industry**

7808. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sickness in textile industry is increasing;

(b) if so, the number of textile mills which were closed down by the end of 1986, 1987, 1988;

(c) the effect thereof on the production and export of textile goods; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to save the industry by taking over such sick mills and restart them after renovation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The sickness in the Organised mill sector has been increasing.

(b) The number of closed mills at the end of 1986, 1987 and 1988 was 84, 133 and 138 respectively.

(c) The over-all production and export of all textile items have been growing over the years 1986 to 1988.

(d) Takeover by the Government of sick textile units does not provide a solution to the problems of sickness and Government would not, as a rule, intervene in such cases, where a unit has no expectation of becoming viable within a reasonable period of time.

#### **Export of Handloom to USA**

7809. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the estimated amount of export of hand-