

(c) whether it is a fact that these incidents of violence are being instigated by anti-social terroristic forces from outside the country in collaboration with anti-social terroristic forces inside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). There have been some sporadic incidents of violence during agitations by some sections to press their demands. The law enforcement agencies are vigilant and are taking appropriate action under the law.

(c) Government have no such information.

Purchase of Ships from Abroad

1175. SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of State for Shipping and Transport announced in September last, earmarking of Rs. 500 crore foreign exchange for buying ships from abroad; and

(b) if so, purchases if any made or proposed to be made on that account?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of about Rs. 200 crores has been sanctioned and committed and the balance is available for new acquisition proposals to be brought up by shipping companies.

Setting up of a Cotton Textile Mill in Abohar and Fazilka

1176. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH SAYIAN WALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Abohar and Fazilka region yield the cheapest and highest cotton which can be used for the manufacture of the Janata cloth; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider to set up a cotton textile mill in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) J-34, 320-F and Bengal Deshi cotton are usually grown in this region and they can be used for medium counts.

(b) Government has no proposal to set up new textile mills in the public sector. Besides, it has been already decided that Government will not permit any expansion in the weaving capacity in the organized mill and powerloom sector.

संयुक्त रक्षा सेवाओं हेतु परीक्षा में प्रश्न-पत्रों के उत्तर अंग्रेजी में दिया जाना

1177. श्री सुखेन्द्र सिंह: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 जनवरी, 1978 के नवभारत टाइम्स में प्रकाशित इस आग्रह के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा इस वर्ष मई में आयोजित होने वाली संयुक्त रक्षा-सेवा परीक्षा में सामान्य ज्ञान तथा प्रारंभिक गणित के प्रश्न-पत्रों के उत्तर अंग्रेजी में देना अनिवार्य होगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या जिन छात्रों का शिक्षा का माध्यम हिन्दी रहा है, वे उच्च पदों के लिए परीक्षाओं में नहीं बैठ सकेंगे; और

(ग) क्या कोठारी आयोग ने सरकार को इसी तरह की सिफारिश की थी ?