

by the Ministry of Power that the prospective investors were disinclined to accept this block as substantial part of the reserves would have to be mined by underground mining techniques. Ministry of Power had, therefore, sought alternate blocks which would have sufficient geological reserves and which could be mined through opencast techniques. Three coal blocks at Dumargarh, Karimati and Sheregarha with geological reserves adequate to meet the needs of this power plant had been identified. The matter is under further consideration of the Ministry of Power.

#### Trade with Algeria

6647. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Indo-Algerian Joint Committee meeting held recently for the promotion of bilateral trade;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the trade with Algeria ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The 6th Session of the Indo-Algerian Joint Commission was held in New Delhi during March 3-6, 1997.

(b) and (c) Both sides expressed their determination to raise the present level of bilateral trade through various trade promotional activities. Both sides identified areas of cooperation such as drugs and pharmaceuticals, small and medium scale industries, heavy industry, electronics and telecommunications, textiles, leather, railway transport, air-transport, shipping services, etc.

#### KVIC

6648. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the State-wise amount spent on Apiculture by Khadi and Village Industries Commission and other such agencies during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : Apiculture (Beekeeping) Industry is one of the Village Industries under the purview of KVIC. A statement-I showing the State-wise amount spent on Beekeeping by KVIC during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is attached.

in addition, the Department of Agriculture and

Cooperation is also implementing a scheme "Development of Beekeeping for improving crop productivity in India" since 1994-95. Funds released for implementing the various components of the scheme to the implementing agencies including State Governments are indicated in the statement-II attached.

#### Statement-I

#### Statewise/yearwise Disbursement of Funds by KVIC on Apiculture during 1994-95 to 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	State	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Andhra Pradesh	0.55	1.69	-
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
03.	Assam	3.19	6.32	3.60
04.	Bihar	0.33	27.63	13.79
05.	Goa	-	-	-
06.	Gujarat	-	-	-
07.	Haryana	0.50	-	8.00
08.	Himachal Pradesh	4.07	7.36	8.70
09.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	6.38	-
10.	Karnataka	2.23	3.26	-
11.	Kerala	3.18	15.45	10.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	0.61	0.13	-
13.	Maharashtra	9.61	5.39	3.88
14.	Manipur	-	0.25	4.10
15.	Meghalaya	1.11	-	0.47
16.	Mizoram	-	2.78	0.25
17.	Nagaland	5.63	0.02	-
18.	Orissa	0.14	5.70	0.50
19.	Punjab	1.59	4.61	19.85
20.	Rajasthan	-	-	-
21.	Sikkim	-	-	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	16.10	1.67	-

1	2	3	4	5
23.	Tripura	-	0.08	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1.26	40.43	0.27
25.	West Bengal	2.63	15.25	0.47
<b>Union Territories</b>				
01.	A & N Island	-	-	-
02.	Chandigarh	-	-	-
03.	D & N Haveli	-	-	-
04.	Daman & Diu	-	-	-
05.	Delhi	-	-	-
06.	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
07.	Pondicherry	-	-	-

**Statement-II**

*Statewise Release of Funds by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on Development of Beekeeping since 1994-95 till 31st March 1997*

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	(1994-95 to 1996-97)
1	2	3
01.	Andhra Pradesh	11.67
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.75
03.	Assam	3.97
04.	Bihar	11.00
05.	Goa	2.40
06.	Gujarat	2.72
07.	Haryana	21.50
08.	Himachal Pradesh	15.28
09.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.52
10.	Karnataka	29.72
11.	Kerala	6.50
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4.41
13.	Maharashtra	26.70

1	2	3
14.	Manipur	1.75
15.	Meghalaya	0.00
16.	Mizoram	1.75
17.	Nagaland	2.40
18.	Orissa	14.51
19.	Punjab	17.94
20.	Rajasthan	11.50
21.	Sikkim	0.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	18.54
23.	Tripura	4.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	63.79
25.	West Bengal	13.50

**Union Territories**

01.	A & N Island	0.00
02.	Chandigarh	(covered under Punjab & Haryana)
03.	D & N Haveli	0.00
04.	Daman & Diu	0.00
05.	Delhi	5.28
06.	Lakshadweep	0.00
07.	Pondicherry	2.40

**Textile Export**

6649. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are concerned over the sluggish trend in textile exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether relatively lower growth in export during 1995-96 was due to the protectionist measures of the importing countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :  
(a) and (d) During 1995-96, there was a relatively lower