

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) For the purpose of grant of Compensatory (City) Allowance, cities/towns have been classified

with reference to population of the Urban Agglomeration (U.A.) of the city, where-ever it exists, otherwise that of the Municipal area as given below:-

<i>Population of the U.A./Municipal Area of the City.</i>	<i>Classification</i>
More than 16 lakhs	'A'
Above 8 lakhs but not exceeding 16 lakhs	'B-1'
Above 4 lakhs but not exceeding 8 lakhs	'B-2'

Actual amount of Compensatory (City) Allowance admissible to a Govt. servant depends upon the pay range and the classification of the city.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Export of Sports Goods

5071. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian sports goods are in great demand in the International markets;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the export of these goods;

(c) whether the Government have given necessary instructions to the Sports goods industry to bring in new technology in order to make the Indian sports goods more acceptable in the foreign markets; and

(d) if so, the response of the sports industry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Market promotion measures abroad and product development efforts to make Indian sports goods competitive in world markets have helped in increasing exports and these measures are proposed to be continued and intensified, wherever required.

(c) and (d) The Government has not issued any specific instructions to the Sports goods industry which is primarily in the small scale sector. However, to accelerate modernisation and technological upgradation in the small scale sector in general, it has been decided to allow equity participation by other industrial undertakings, not exceeding 24% of the total shareholding. Besides, the existing Process-cum-Product Development Centre at Meerut is also proposed to be modernised with assistance from UNDP. It is expected that industry would take maximum advantage of these measures.

Export Growth

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