

Statistics of India" March, 1996 and March 1997 which are placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) For 1997-98 a target of exports of US\$ 39 billion has been envisaged.

(d) Trade Promotion is a continuous and sustained process and measures are continuously being taken by the Government to promote trade through policy and promotional measures. For instance, the new Exim Policy for 1997-2002 has considerably simplified the policy and procedures; imports are being gradually liberalised to facilitate availability of raw materials and inputs to the export sector besides widening and modernising the indigenous production base; country-specific initiatives have also been undertaken to promote trade; Export Promotion Industrial Park Scheme has been implemented to support the State Governments in their export promotion effort; an India Brand Equity Fund has been created to create a better image for Indian products abroad; interactive discussions with Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards and trade and industry are being held to evolve measures to boost exports; interest rate on export credit has been reduced and it has been decided to set up an empowered Export Promotion Board to resolve the issues and problems facing exporters in achieving better inter-Ministerial coordinations.

[English]

#### Export of Cotton

1629. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE :  
SHRI VIJAY ANNAJI MUDE :  
SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of cotton bales exported from the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the criteria fixed for allotting the quota of cotton export for States;

(c) whether any limit has been fixed for each State for the export of cotton on uniform basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to enhance the limit of export; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) The Government does not allot quota of cotton export to States out allots export quote to the various State Marketing Federations and State Government Corporations. The details of cotton exported from the country by various State Marketing Federations/ Corporations are indicated in the Statement attached.

(b) to (f) Export quotas for cotton are announced by Government after taking into consideration all relevant factors, including estimates of production, availability, consumption by the mills, small spinners and non-mill sector, likely surplus, price trends etc. Government endeavours to balance the interests of the cotton growers on the one hand and on the other, the cotton consuming sectors, particularly the decentralised sector, so far an export of 13.42 lakh bales has been released in the (1996-97) cotton season.

#### Statement

Agency-wise details of quantity of cotton exported during the last three years

(in lakh bales of 170 Kg. each)

Name of Fed./Corp.	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Rajasthan Fed.	0.150		
Gujarat Fed.	*0.061	0.003	0.51785
Haryana Fed.	0.110		0.04770
Mah. Fed.	0.500		4.19776
Kar. Fed.	0.304		0.00600
M.P. Fed.			0.08925
M.P. Corp.			
A.P. Fed.			0.03400
A.P. Giridan			
Punjab Spin Fed.	0.185		
Punjab Fed.	0.200		0.13843
Total	1.510	0.003	5.03099

\*Spill over of 1992-93

#### Fluoride Project

1630. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted fluoride project of main/other habitation to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not clearing these projects; and

(d) the time by which the said projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Govt. of Rajasthan has submitted a project proposal for providing water supply to 61 fluoride affected villages in Ajmer District at an estimated cost of Rs. 45.86 crores.