

(c) the number of machines out of these purchased from abroad;

(d) the number of machines out of them are lying unused;

(e) the capital blocked in unused machines as on March 31, 1998; and

(f) the size of the coal in terms of thickness than can be cut from these machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) There was no purchase of machinery by BCCL in the last three years for Amlabad and Munidih projects.

(b) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) on the question.

National Institute for Fashion Technology

1549. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of branches of National Institute of Fashion Technology set up so far State-wise;

(b) whether any request for setting up any National Institute of Fashion Technology is pending with this Ministry;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government of Kerala have also sought for setting up of branches of this Institute in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) In addition to its centre at New Delhi, the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has set up 6 centres at Mumbai, Chennai, Gandhinagar, Calcutta, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

(b) to (e) There have been requests from State Governments of J & K, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Goa for setting up of centres of NIFT in their States, which are under examination.

DPCs of JCI

1550. SHRI MO'NUL HASSAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down 43 Departmental Purchase Centres (DPCs) of the Jute Corporation of India in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to redeploy over 400 employees working in these centres?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government have recently decided to close down 43 uneconomic Departmental Purchase Centres of JCI after an analysis done of the procurement made by all the purchase centre of JCI for over a decade where it was seen that the procurement by 43 Centres have remained consistently well below the desired level both under Price Support Operation and Commercial Operations.

(c) the action initiated to redeploy around 200 regular employees posted in these purchase centres suitably is in progress.

Performance of HMT, Hyderabad

1551. SHRI M. RAJAI AH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present financial status of Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. at Hyderabad;

(b) whether HMT is facing major problems at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) HMT Lt.d. has three major units at Hyderabad: viz Machine Tools Unit, Press Unit and Lamp Unit. The Machine Tool Unit and the Press Unit have made marginal profits in the last year. The Lamp Unit has been perennially loss making unit since inception.

(b) and (c) Yes, HMT has been facing problems on account of surplus manpower, high interest burden, working capital constraints, and obsolete technology in certain units.

(d) The performance of HMT is regularly monitored and reviewed by the Government.

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1552. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

SHRI ANNASABEB M.K. PATIL :