

Modernisation of Dhariwal Woollen Mills

10116. SHRIMATISUKHBUNSKAUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the modernisation of the Dhariwal Woollen Mills;

(b) when the modernisation programme is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the modernisation programme is likely to increase production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) An amount of about Rs. 11 crores has been spent on modernisation of the Dhariwal Mills till date.

(b) It is expected to be completed during the current financial year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) worsted yarn and fabric production is expected to register an increase of about 300 per cent over pre—modernisation level once all the backward and forward mechanical linkages alongwith work load and work assignments get settled.

[*Translation*]

Co-Ordination of Projects

10117. SHRI BHOGEDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and latest position of the multi purpose project for the entire Bagmati river range;

(b) whether Government propose to co-ordinate the ongoing Karmaiyya multi-purpose project of Nepal with the Bagmati river project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the problem of water scarcity for the Bagmati river project is likely to arise due to the construction of the Karmaiyya project; and

(e) if so, the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (e). India has requested from Nepal the details of their studies in respect of 117 metres high dam project at Noonthore over Bagmati river so that appropriate suggestions can be made to them for taking care of India's downstream requirements. The response of the Government of Nepal to this request had not been encouraging. The matter stands included in the list of issues to be pursued with the Government of Nepal.

[*English*]

Assistance by Financial Institutions to NTC

10118. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds provided by the Industrial Development Bank of India and other financial institutions to the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta for carrying out modernisation of its various mills have been utilised for the purpose;

(b) whether NTC is adhering to the repayment of loans schedules;