

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has formulated 10-Year Plan for cotton :

(b) if so, the main features thereof ;

(c) when is it expected to be announced ; and

(d) the financial implication thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Issue of Identity Cards to Handloom Weavers

*525. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Union Government to issue identity cards to the handloom weavers to enable them to draw chemicals and yarn at controlled prices ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps initiated in this direction ;

(c) the names of the countries where this Jacquard cloth is being exported from India and the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the export of Jacquard has reduced considerably ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Jacquard design fabrics and made-ups are exported mainly to USA, EEC, USSR, Australia, Japan, Hongkong and Singapore. Jacquard design Real Madras Hand Kerchief (RMHK) is being exported to West Germany and West Africa. While exports of Jacquard fabrics, made-ups (except towels) and Real Madras Hand Kerchief are on the increase, there has been a marginal decrease in the exports of towels including those with jacquard designs.

Proposal for Plastic Coating on Currency Notes

*529. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are presently considering any proposal to give a plastic coating to currency notes so as to prevent it from wear and tear and also to save it from fire ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) when a decision in this regard will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) ; (a) No, Sir :

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Per Capita Availability of Cloth

*532. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of cloth during 1986-87 as compared to the year 1985-86 ; and

(b) what is the per capita availability of cloth during last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The total production of cloth during 1986-87 was 12988 million metres as compared to 12498 million metres during 1985-86.

(b) The per capita availability of cloth during 1984, 1985 and 1986 was as under :—

Year	Per capita availability
1984	14.52 metres
1985	14.04 metres
1986	15.01 metres