

materials to the handloom sector, has set up three yarn depots at Guwahati, Bhagalpur and Bihar Sharif and is also supplying yarn to other States like Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh through the State handloom agencies. The Corporation has also started supply dyes and chemicals.

(b) There is no scheme for supply of yarn to States against their requirement. Figures of civil deliveries, of hank yarn by the mills State-wise are not available. However, the total hank yarn deliveries, for the country as a whole, during 1985 amounted to 373.19 million kgs.

Modernisation of looms

86. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken for the modernisation of looms and provision of technological and other inputs for improving the productivity of handloom sector in pursuance of the textile policy announced by Government in 1985; and

(b) what are the details of the amount earmarked for this purpose during the current year and how much of it has actually been spent thereon so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In order to increase the productivity of looms and quality of fabrics and with a view to ultimately increase the earnings of weavers, greater emphasis has been placed on modernisation of looms and provision of technological and other inputs. Following steps have been taken in this direction:

(i) The quantum of assistance has been increased to Rs. 2,000/- per loom for ordinary loom and Rs. 4,000/- per loom for Semi-automatic/Jacquard loom from Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 2,500/- respectively.

(ii) A sub-Committee on Modernisation of looms has been constituted to

assess the suitability of the existing modernisation scheme and make recommendations for improving the package of modernisation of handlooms and its delivery system.

(iii) State-wise targets have been assigned for modernisation of looms for the current year.

(iv) Various training programmes on polyester weaving etc. have been undertaken and it is proposed to organise seminars and publicise the concept of modernisation through the theme pavilion in Handloom Fairs/Expos, etc.

(b) A sum of Rs. 175.00 lakhs has been provided in the current year's budget for the Scheme. A sum of Rs. 34.70 lakhs has been approved for release so far. Further proposal of the order of about Rs. 150 lakhs have also been received from the States so far.

Effects of the new textile policy

87. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the effects of the new textile policy of Government on handlooms, powerlooms and textile mills since its implementation;

(b) whether Government have reviewed from time to time and taken stock of the situation arisen after the implementation of the new textile policy in order to make the policy a success;

(c) what are the bottlenecks being faced by the handloom and powerloom sectors towards producing the required anticipated quantity of handloom and powerloom cloth during the last one year; and

(d) to what extent the prices of textile mill cloth have come down since the implementation of the new textile policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The overall impact of the new textile policy on the textile industry as a whole has been encouraging. The total cloth production by