

the three sectors (mills, handlooms and powerlooms) has been 484 million metres higher, having increased from 12,014 in 1984-85 to 12,498 million metres in 1985-86. The production of cloth during April-1986 of the current financial year (1986-87) is estimated at 3142 million metres as compared to 2988 million metres during the corresponding period of the last year. However, there has been a marginal fall in cloth production by the mill sector, but it has been more than compensated for by the performance of the handloom and powerloom sectors.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no major bottleneck in the handloom and powerloom sectors in production of the required quantity of cloth.

(d) The prices of blended cloth declined by 10 per cent during the period between May, 1985 and May, 1986 after the announcement of the new Textile Policy. However, there has been a marginal increase in the prices of cotton cloth (mills) viz. 2.3 per cent from May, 1985 to September, 1986 as compared to the increase of 8 per cent in general index for all commodities during the same period.

#### Clearance of cheques by banks

88. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India propose to introduce a new system for the clearance of larger volume of cheques in the cities of Bombay, Delhi and Madras;

(b) if so, what are the details of the new system to be introduced;

(c) to what extent the new system will help in the clearance of outstation cheques promptly; and

(d) by when the new system will be introduced in other cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India has a proposal to

introduce mechanised cheque processing system using MICR technology for speedy processing of intercity cheques under National Clearing in various cities and also for processing of clearing of local cheques within these cities. The clearance of inter-city cheques under the National Clearing between Bombay and Madras, Bombay and New Delhi and Delhi and Madras has already been brought under operation.

The new MICR based mechanised cheque processing system helps in speedy sorting and clearing of cheques of banks thereby reducing the time lag in handling large volume of local clearing cheques at the various centres and also enables speedy clearing of outstation cheques as well as balancing of Inter-Bank Accounts. As a result of introduction of the National Clearing of Inter-city cheques at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi, the outstation cheques are cleared at these centres in 4-5 days as against previous time lag of upto four weeks.

According to Reserve Bank of India the proposal is to introduce this technology in other cities in a phased manner.

#### Textile mills taken over by NTC in Orissa

89. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills which have been taken over by N.T.C. in Orissa and whether the performance of the said mills has improved after being taken over;

(b) what is the annual production of these mills at present; and

(c) how much amount has been spent on these mills till date after these mills have been taken over by N. T. C.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) At present, there is one textile mill viz. Orissa Cotton Mills, Bhagatpur run by the National Textile Corporation in Orissa. This mill has been incurring losses after nationalisation i.e. from 1974-75. However, during the

year 1985-86, the loss has been less than that in the previous year. The commissioned capacity of this unit has been expanded after nationalisation. The production of market yarn in 1985-86 was 10.82 lakh kgs. as compared to 5.84 lakh kgs. during 1977-78. The spinning productivity has increased from 531.8 gms. to 64.5 gms. during 1985-86.

(b) During the year 1985-86, about 10.82 lakh kgs. of market yarn was produced by the mill.

(c) A sum of Rs. 297.57 lakhs has so far been spent on renovation/modernisation of Orissa Cotton Mills. In addition, an amount of Rs. 249.60 lakhs has been given to this mill towards reimbursement of cash losses.

**News-item captioned 'TULF' Opposes plan to Demarcate limits**

90. SHRI D.B. CHANDRA GOWDA:  
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HAN-  
SPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'TULF opposes plan to demarcate limits' which appeared in the Indian Express of the 14th October, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(c) what further efforts Government propose to take to solve the ethnic issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item refers largely to one aspect of a proposed political solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Government are examining the matter.

(c) Government are continuing the process of negotiations to help work out a political solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.

**वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राजभाषा कार्यक्रम का क्रियान्वयन**

91. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :  
क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति ने यह तय किया है कि वर्ष 1986-87 के वार्षिक कार्यक्रम को अवश्य पूरा किया जाएगा और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा पिछले 17 वर्षों से इसे पूरा नहीं करने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति के अध्यक्ष एवं सदस्यगण ने गत वर्ष अपना कितने प्रतिशत कार्य हिन्दी में किया और पूरा कार्य हिन्दी में न करने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या हिन्दी का कार्य देखने के लिए कोई कक्ष स्थापित किया गया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर):

(क) से (ग) संघ की राजभाषा नीति के कार्यान्वयन के लिए 1986-87 वार्षिक कार्यक्रम प्राप्त हो गया है तथा इसमें निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिए इसे परिचालित कर दिया गया है। मंत्रालय की हिन्दी कार्यान्वयन समिति कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन की मानीटरिंग कर रही है। हिन्दी के काम को देखने के लिए मंत्रालय में एक सैल कार्य कर रहा है। वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए निम्नोक्त कदम उठाए गए हैं :—

(1) उन सभी टाइपिस्टों को, जिन्हें अभी तक हिन्दी टाइपिंग में प्रशिक्षित नहीं किया गया है, हिन्दी टाइपिंग में प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए एक समय-बद्ध कार्यक्रम तयार किया गया है। इस प्रयोजन के लिए मंत्रालय में ही एक हिन्दी टाइपिंग प्रशिक्षण यूनिट आरम्भ किया गया है।

(2) मंत्रालय में हिन्दी आशुलिपिकों के एक पूल की व्यवस्था की गई है ताकि हिन्दी में नोटिंग तथा डाफ्टिंग का डिक्टेेशन देने के लिए अधिकारी उनकी सेवाओं का उपयोग कर सकें।