

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The report is under examination of Government. The legislative measures to check the generation of black money are constantly under study and Government's action on it gets reflected in the legislation introduced in Parliament.

Take-over of Sick Textile Mills

624. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

(a) what is the number of sick textile mills in the country which have since been taken over by Government;

(b) what is the number of such textile mills which are at present engaged in production of cloth; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to step up textile production in these mills?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) 125 taken over textile mills are being managed by the National Textile Corporation. Out of these, 103 mills are nationalised mills. In addition, there are 8 taken over mills which are being run by State Government and other agencies. Out of the 125 mills being managed by National Textile Corporation, 82 are engaged in production of cloth.

(c) National Textile Corporation is taking measure to step up the capacity utilisation and productivity through selective modernisation of nationalised mills, increasing captive generation of power etc.

New Policy for Steel distribution. .

625. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state;

(a) whether any new policy for distribution of steel has been formulated by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the difference between the earlier policy and the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Iron and steel materials are distributed in terms of the distribution guidelines announced by the joint Plant Committee of the main producers. The last guidelines were issued in 1980 and were amended periodically. These guidelines are being reviewed.

Bharat Gold Field

626. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state what is the monthly production of gold from Bharat Gold Field in Karnataka and the expenditure incurred on its production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The average monthly production of gold from the mines of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. during 1984-85 was about 91 Kgs. at a cost of production of Rs. 2.849 lakhs per Kg.

Aid to India from Ford Foundation

627, SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:

SHRI M. MADDANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of the assistance received by India from the Ford Foundation for the projects in the rural areas as well as urban areas during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what are the details of the projects for which assistance was received;

(c) whether the assistance received was fully utilised; and

(d) if so, what is the present position of each project with details of progress made in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) to (d) A detailed statement is enclosed.

[See Appendix CXXXXTV, Annexure No 6].