

Textile units under N.T.C.

970. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile units under the National Textile Corporation at present;

(b) what is the number out of the above units which are running at a loss;

(c) whether the N.T.C. as a whole is running at a loss or profit;

(d) whether Government have carried out any study regarding functioning of N.T.C. units; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) At present, there are 125 mills under National Textile Corporation viz., 103 nationalised mills and 22 managed mills.

(b) The gross profit/loss figures for the month of January, 1985, show that 69 nationalised mills and 16 managed mills suffered losses during the month.

(c) NTC as a whole is running at a loss.

(d) and (e) The performance of NTC mills is being reviewed by the Government periodically. A review of performance of NTC mills revealed that 22 mills (19 nationalised and 3 managed) were accounting for a large part of the total losses during the years 1981-82 and 1982-83.

Of these, 8 nationalised mills were considered very weak. A Study team was

set up to undertake an indepth study of these 8 nationalised mills.

The Study team has already submitted its report. No final view has been taken in the matter so far.

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Non-availability of proper quality of steel for cold rolled steel sections in private sector

972. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the capacity of units for making cold rolled steel sections in private sector was not being fully utilised due to non-availability of proper quality of steel in required quantities;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the absence of cold rolled steel sections, the construction industry is using hot rolled sections, which is leading to extra expenditure due to higher weight and lower strength; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.