

(c) the time by when this proposal is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has received proposals submitted by H.P. State Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation (HPSHHC) for 8 projects under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) and a proposal for revival of Crafts of Chamba District.

The Government of India has sanctioned Rs.20 lacs for implementing two integrated Design Projects for Chamba Shawl & Leather Craft and Rs.1.50 lacs for undertaking Baseline Survey and Mobilization of Self help Groups.

**Ban on import of raw material used for production of cattle feed**

294. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the abnormal rise in the prices of De Oiled Rice Bran, Maize and other raw materials used for the production of cattle feed in the country, the Kerala Government has requested the Union Government to ban the export of the main raw materials for a period of at least six months so as to help the indigenous cattle feed manufacturing companies particularly the Kerala Feed Ltd., a State PSU engaged in the production of cattle feed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A D.O. Letter No. 3663/AHF2/10/AD dated 9.4.2010 has been received from Shri C. Divakaran, Minister for Food, Civil Supply and Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala, suggesting that the export of de-oiled rice bran and other feed ingredients like maize may be banned for a period of at least six months. The matter was examined and it was noticed that the export of oil meals in the year 2009-10 is much lower than the exports last year. Thus the exports are not the only reasons responsible for the high prices. Banning of export provides only short term gain in terms of increased supply, but is likely to be counter-productive in the long run and the banning of de-oiled rice bran or other meals is, therefore, not desirable.

**FDI in retail sector**

295. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: