

a view, *inter alia*, to making them simpler.

(b) Details are yet to be finalised.

Quantum of foreign aid during 1979-80 and 1980-81

1277. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

SHRI SAWAISINGH
SISODIA:

SHRIMATI HAMIDA
HABIBULLAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign aid/assistance received by Government during 1979-80;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prospects of a substantial foreign aid during 1980-81 are bleak;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The estimated receipts of gross aid of the Government of India during 1979-80 are Rs. 1370.40 crores.

(b) to (d) The members of India Consortium account for the bulk of foreign aid received by India. Indications of aid for the current year, 1980-81 from the Consortium members would be known at the meeting scheduled on July 3 and 4, 1980 at Paris. The quantum of aid from East European Countries and Middle East Countries/their organisations will be known after bilateral discussions are concluded during the course of the year.

Shortage of raw cashewnuts

1278. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of raw cashewnuts for the cashew processing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The installed capacity of the cashew processing industry is in excess of the domestic production and availability of imported raw cashew.

Domestic Youth Tourism

1279. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to build a fund to promote domestic youth tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) The Government has no proposal under its consideration to build a fund to promote domestic youth tourism. The Central Department of Tourism, however, has constructed a chain of 16 youth hostels in the country to promote youth travel. One youth hostel is under construction and sanction for another one was issued during 1979-80.

The Central Department of Tourism also offers, through its Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg, courses in winter skiing and water skiing in summer to our youth whereby youth travel is combined with the promotion of recreational activities. It has also assisted financially and through the loan of services, free of charge, of ski instructors in the organisation of various trekking programmes for our youth. The Central Government also gives an annual grant-in-aid to the Youth Hostels Association of India which

promotes youth tourism. Thus, without having a specific fund for promoting youth tourism, a number of programmes have been initiated by the Central Department of Tourism to promote domestic youth tourism.

Kesoram Industries and Cotton Mills Ltd.

1280. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kesoram Industries and Cotton Mills Limited of the House of Birlas produce three lakh metres of cloth per day;

(b) whether the annual production of the mill is more than 54.5 per cent of the total mill-made cloth produced in West Bengal;

(c) whether the production of cloth has been totally suspended by the management since January, 1980;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to restart the production in the said mill in view of the acute scarcity of cloth and high prices, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if the reply to part (e) be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) The estimated daily average production in Kesoram Mills during 1979 was 1.902 lakh metres of cloth. This accounted for 36.86 per cent of the annual production of mill-made cloth in West Bengal during that year. The management of the Mills, following a strike by the workers in their dyeing house and printing department, had declared a lockout from 13th January, 1980. The lockout has since been lifted on 5th June, 1980.

Scooter advance

1281. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maximum limit of scooter advance to be sanctioned to the Central Government employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of all brands of scooters have increased tremendously;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the maximum limit of scooter advance; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The maximum amount of scooter advance on first occasion is Rs. 3,500/- or 10 months' pay or the price of the vehicle, whichever is least. On second or subsequent occasion, the amount of advance will be restricted to the difference between the price of the vehicle to be purchased and the sale proceeds of the old vehicle left over with the Government servant after repayment of the earlier outstanding advance subject to a maximum of Rs. 2,750 or 8 months' pay, whichever is less.

(b) Prices of vehicles have gone up in recent years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Unorganised labour

1282. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce legislation to regulate the working conditions of unorganised labour; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?