

dum from the Punjab Government regarding the fixation of remunerative price for the American cotton; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b) No memorandum as such has been received from the Government of Punjab. But they have been urging for a higher remunerative price for PA-320 F variety. Their views have been taken into consideration by the Agricultural Prices Commission.

Increase in the price of art silk

806. SHRI HARIKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any memorandum from the Punjab Government regarding the sharp increase in the price of art silk; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) A telegram from Punjab Industries Minister was received alleging non-availability of nylon yarn in Amritsar market. No other memorandum as such was received from Punjab Government.

(b) Textile Commissioner twice held meetings with spinners of nylon yarn to devise means for increasing production and availability of nylon yarn as well as reducing the prices of the same. According to the latest information prices of commonly used deniers of nylon yarn have fallen from Rs. 160 per kg. to about Rs. 145 per kg. Deliveries of the nylon yarn to the Amritsar market has been maintained at the steady level of 45 to 50 tonnes per month for the last 2 to 3 years. For the last 3 months i.e. April—June more than 50 tonnes per month have been delivered to

Amritsar market. The Government is also considering the possibility of operating a buffer stock in respect of 2nd grade nylon yarn.

Price of staple yarn

807. SHRI HARIKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any memorandum from the Punjab Government regarding the supply and pricing of staple yarn; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) In May, 1977, Punjab Industries Minister had written to the Central Government alleging 25 per cent increase in the prices of staple fibre yarn within a course of previous one month. No other memorandum as such has been received from the Punjab Government.

(b) It has been ascertained from the market reports that though there has been some rise in the prices of viscose staple yarn, in the month of May it has not been as steep as has been alleged. The rise in prices in the month of May has been about 7 per cent. There have been no reports of scarcity of staple yarn.

Film Censor Board for Malayalam Films

808. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government to form a separate film censor board for Malayalam films; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?