Raw material for the diamond and Precious stone industry

412. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH: SHRI SAWAISINGH SISO-DIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government for augmenting the supply of raw materials for the diamond and precious stone industry in Rajas-

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): The precious stone industry in India depends mostly on imported rough stones including rough diamonds These rough stones are imported from abroad on the basis of the Import Trade Control Policy for the registered exporters. Under this facility, any exporter manufacturer to Rajasthan can also procure his supplies against his export performance.

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"Earn while you learn" scheme for students

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to statae:

(a) whether Government have accorded approval to the National Textile Corporation's proposal to introduce a scheme "earn while you learn" for the needy University and College students during the coming academic year; and

(b) if so, what are the details there-

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the "Earn while you learn" scheme launched by the National Textile Corporation. certain number of students of recognised Colleges/Universities who have attained the age of 18 years will be provided part-time sale work in the NTC's retail outlets/showrooms already opened or to be opened shortly. Alternatively, those students who are desirous of undertaking door-to-door selling of the NTC fabrics will be given an opportunity to do so. The students are required to apply through their College|University on the prescribed proforma. The scheme did not require approval of the Government.

Departments of Tourism and Aviation without heads of departments

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SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND