

यह तथ्य है कि अधिक वृष्टि हुई, उससे कपास के उत्पादन पर प्रभाव पड़ा और यह जो तथ्य है यह हम लोगों के मन की चीज नहीं है।

जहां तक कपड़े के भाव का सवाल है, वह तो कन्ट्रोल क्लाय का एक हिस्सा है। कन्ट्रोल क्लाय जो हम लोगों को देते हैं निर्धारित दाम पर और कमजोर वर्गों को कपड़ा पहुंचाने की नीति पर गवर्नमेंट अभी भी कायम है और इस प्रकार के कपड़ों में कोई भी मूल्य वृद्धि नहीं की गयी है वह स्कीम अभी भी कामयाब है कि सस्ता कपड़ा कमजोर वर्ग के लोगों को दिया जाय।

SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND : Sir, is it a fact that the West Bengal State Government has been pleading for cotton due to lack of which in the eastern region the Kalyani Spinning Mills owned by the West Bengal Government have suffered a loss of Rs. 2-1/2 crores last year and 30 per cent of the workers were rendered surplus? Has it come to the notice of the Minister that the West Bengal State Minister stated inside the Assembly that the cause for this is the glut in the cloth market and, in order to remove this glut, will the Minister be prepared to lower the prices so that people get relief?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : Sir, one spinning mill is closed in West Bengal. As I have mentioned, so far as the weaker section is concerned, the control cloth scheme is there. If we see it in the context of the 700 textile mills, out of them today only 15 are closed due to the various reasons; they may not necessarily be due to the glut in the market but, may be, due to mismanagement, financial stringency, labour trouble and other reasons also.

Raids Conducted by Customs Authorities in Tamil Nadu

*159 **SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :**

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIA :

SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY :

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN :

Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs and Central Excise authorities recently conducted raids on the Meivazhichalai campus at Annavaal in Tamilnadu and recovered a huge amount of unaccounted money, gold, jewellery, diamonds and arms and ammunition; and

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

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A series of raids have been conducted commencing from 19-3-1976 at Meivazhisalai Ashram near Tiruchirapalli and some other places. As a result of raids both within Meivazhisalai campus and outside the campus, gold biscuits, primary gold, gold articles, gold ornaments, silver bars and precious stones valued at about Rs. 26.697 lakhs have been seized so far. Neither unaccounted money nor arms and ammunition has so far been seized by the Customs and Central Excise authorities during these raids.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Demand for Rajasthan Mica

*160. **SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :**

SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable reduction in the demand for Rajasthan mica since March, 1975;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

{The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri R. Narasimha Reddy