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Fish, eggs & meat		+1 ·	4 —1.0	
Edible oils		—0 ·	6 —3 ·4	
Groundnut oil .		8 ·	9 —6.0	
Mastard oil .		<u>3</u> ·	0 —3:5	
Gingelly oil .		-1.4	4 5.6	
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Rubber tyres &	tubes	No	No	
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^{*}Average of 4 weeks only.

ALLOTMENT OF COTTON BY CCI

1272. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that C. C. I. had allotted Indian cotton to few selected mills, who were already possessing large stocks of cotton;
- (b) if so, the quantity of cetten elletted and the names of mills to whom the cotton

was allotted and how much cotton these mills were holding on that particular date;

- (c) whether it is a fact that cotton was given at a much lower price than the market price;
- (d) the number of applications made to C.C.I for allotment of cotton and the names of the mills which applied for allotment of cotton; and
- (e) what was the reason for not considering their cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH): (a) to (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

INDO-PAK TALKS ON TRADE

1273. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that trade talks between India and Pakistan took place in New Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) what was the outcome of these talks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH): (a) to (c) The Indo-Pakistan official level talks on the question of resumption of trade between the two countries were held in New Delhi from November 26 to 30, 1974. At the conclusion of these talks, a protocol was signed on 30th November, 1974 by the leaders of the two delegations, a copy of which has been kept in the Parliament Library.

CENTRE'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1974-75

1274. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: Will the: Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the financial outlook of the Centre for 1974-75-appears to be more bleak now than what it was when Supplementary Budgets were presented during the last Session of Parliament; and
- (b) if so, what are the details in this. regard ?