

**Decision to curtail Central aid to States**

44. SHRI DHARAMCHAND, JAIN :  
 SHRI ROSHAN LAL :  
 SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :  
 SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :  
 SHRI C. P. MAJHI :  
 SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to curtail Central aid to States; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to meet the Non-Plan revenue gaps of the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Rise in price of cotton yarn**

45. SHRI S. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the price of cotton yarn has shot up after removal of the control on it by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken to prevent this rise; and

(c) the arrangements made to distribute cotton yarn at reasonable prices ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (c) Two statements (I & II) showing comparative market prices of cotton yarn of counts up to 80S immediately before removal of price control over such yarn and at the beginning of April, 1974, are attached. A statement (III) detailing the steps taken to arrest the price rise, etc. is also attached.

**Statement I**

*Comparative prices of cotton yarn in banks in Coimbatore Market*

(Rs. per 4.54 Kgs.)

Count		Price prior to decontrol (on 11-1-74)	Price on 5-4-74
10s	Min.	38.00	50.00
	Max.	43.00	59.00
20s	Min.	55.00	77.00
	Max.	61.00	82.00

Count		Price prior to decontrol (on 11-1-74)	Price on 8-4-74
30s	Min.	68.00	88.00
	Max.	69.50	92.50
40s	Min.	79.00	94.50
	Max.	82.50	101.00
60s	Min.	110.00	125.00
Carded	Max.	112.00	145.00
80s	Min.	149.00	188.00
Carded	Max.	155.00	210.00

**Statement II**

*Comparative prices of cotton yarn in cones in Bombay*

(Rs. per 5.00 Kgs.)

Count		Price Prior to decontrol (on 11-1-74)	Price on 8-4-74
10s	Min.	50.00	57.50
	Max.	53.75	62.00
20s	Min.	62.50	75.00
	Max.	67.50	87.50
24s	Min.	68.75	77.50
	Max.	73.75	86.75
30s	Min.	76.75	87.50
	Max.	81.75	97.50
34s	Min.	82.00	102.00
	Max.	91.00	117.00
40s	Min.	90.00	110.00
	Max.	95.00	123.00
60s	Min.	120.00	145.00
Carded	Max.	145.00	195.00
80s	Min.	174.00	218.06
Combed	Max.	198.23	242.29

**Statement III**

*Steps taken to arrest price rise, etc. of cotton yarn*

- (i) Cotton textile mills have been instructed by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation to maintain yarn prices prevailing on the 28th March, 1974 upto May, 1974, in respect of all counts and in all forms. (These prices are comparable with prices prevailing in October/November, 1973);
- (ii) Mills will allow direct lifting by nominees of State Governments, apex co-operative societies and State Handloom/Powerloom Corporations; and
- (iii) Mill's, or groups of mills, individually, or through their Regional Associations, will try to open depots in important centres of handloom concentrations.