

corporations running business in India in collaboration with various State Governments, the Central Government and the private sector ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house in due course.

**Selling Policy of Cotton Corporation of India**

\*H6 .SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Corporation of India is contemplating to effect changes in their existing selling policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE PROF. D.P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**S.T.C. Offices in foreign countries**

\*137. SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO :  
SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR  
ADIVAREKAR : SHRI M.S.  
ABDUL KHADER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation is proposing to set up additional offices in foreign countries.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any assessment of the performance of its existing foreign offices has been undertaken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The S.T.C. proposes to open an office at Kuwait to cover West Asia, and another at Tokyo to look after its business interests in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Philippines.

(c) Yes, Sir. Periodical assessment of performance of the foreign offices is made regularly.

**Export performance of drug industry**

◆138. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM

KHAPARDE: SHRI N.R.

CHOUDHURY: SHRI IBRAHIM

KALANIYA: SHRI VITHAL

GADGIL: SHRI KB. CHETTRI:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: SHRI

HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the export performance of the Drug Industry for the later half of the last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b) The export performance of different commodities including drugs is reviewed periodically. The exports of drugs and pharmaceuticals during October, 1972 to March, 1973 were Rs.5.76 crores.