

## RISE IN PRICES OF CLOTH

1011. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in prices of cloth after the announcement of the Budget proposals for 1973-74;

(b) the increase if any in prices of cotton during this period;

(c) the reasons to which the rise in prices of cloth is attributable; and

(d) the steps taken to check the rise in prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) There has been some increase which cannot exactly be quantified.

(b) Between April 1972 and April 1973, cotton prices rose by 19 per cent. Between February 1973 and April 1973, the rise has been 3-4 per cent for indigenous cottons.

(c) The prices of cloth do not have exclusive linkage with the prices of cotton. Apart from the prices of cotton, the cost of other inputs, viz., labour, power and fuel etc. has gone up in recent times. During this period power cuts and reduced production were important factors in the price rise.

(d) Government has set up a Committee to go into the question and recommended measures to keep cloth prices within justifiable limits.

## SUPPLY OF YARN TO ANDHRA PRADESH

1012. SHRI SANDA NARAYAN-APPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the quantity of yarn allotted to Andhra Pradesh under the voluntary yarn distribution scheme during the months of August, 1972 to February, 1973.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): 4,75,000 Kgs.

## TOURISTS OFFICES IN U.S.A.

1013. SHRI G. R. PATIL:  
SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of our tourist offices in U.S.A. and the places where they are located;

(b) what is the number of our tourist offices in other European countries (country-wise) and the dates of their opening;

(c) the number of persons (categorywise) working in each office; and

(d) whether it is a fact that India has increased the number of her tourist offices in the United States, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (d). There are 3 such offices located at the following places:

- (1) New York
- (2) San Francisco.
- (3) Chicago.

Six Tourist Promotion Officers, with no separate office establishment, have recently been posted at important places in the United States to promote tourism from the potentially rich areas.

(b) There are 8 such offices functioning at the following places from the dates indicated against each:—

London (U.K.)	May	1955
Paris (France)	February	1956
Frankfurt (West Germany)	May	1957
Geneva (Switzerland)	September	1968
Brussels (Belgium)	January	1969
Stockholm (Sweden)	May	1969
Milan (Italy)	February	1969
Vienna (Austria)	September	1971

(c) Statement giving the information is attached.

## STATEMENT

*The Strength of the Tourist Offices in USA*

India-based	New York	Locally-based
Regional Director . . . . .	1	Accounts Officer . . . . . 1
Director . . . . .	1	Secy-cum-stenographer . . . . . 3
Asstt. Director . . . . .	2	Receptionist-cum-typist . . . . . 1
Tourist Promotion Officer . . . . .	5	Messenger . . . . . 2
Administration Assistant . . . . .	1	
Information Asstt. . . . .	1	
	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

*San Francisco*

Director . . . . .	1	Assistant . . . . . 1
Asstt. Director . . . . .	1	Accountant . . . . . 1
Tourist Promotion Officer . . . . .	1	Receptionist/typist . . . . . 1
Information Asstt. . . . .	1	Secy-cum-Stenographer . . . . . 1
		Clerk . . . . . 1
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

*Chicago*

Manager . . . . .	1	Secy-cum-steno . . . . . 1
Information Asstt. . . . .	1	Despatch Clerk . . . . . 1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

*London*

Director . . . . .	1	Accounts Assistant . . . . . 2
Assist. Director . . . . .	1	Administrative Asstt. . . . . 2
Information Asstt. . . . .	1	Messenger . . . . . 1
	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

*Paris*

Director . . . . .	1	Agency-Relations Officer . . . . . 1
		Administrative Asstt. . . . . 1
		Secretary . . . . . 2
		Messenger . . . . . 1
	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

## India-Based

## London

## Locally-based

Frankfurt	
Director . . . . .	1 Secretary . . . . .
	Accounts Asstt. . . . .
	Store-keeper . . . . .
Geneva	
Regional Director . . . . .	1 Accounts Manager . . . . .
Director . . . . .	1 Secretary . . . . .
	2 . . . . .
	4 . . . . .
Brussels	
Manager . . . . .	1 Secretary . . . . .
	Accounts Asstt. . . . .
	2 . . . . .
Stockholm	
Manager . . . . .	1 Secretary . . . . .
Milan	
	Information Officer . . . . .
	Secretary . . . . .
	2 . . . . .
Vienna	
	Manager . . . . .