

In whether there is an proposal with Government to purchase at least 50% of their requirements from the handloom industry; and

(iii) not the reasons thereof.

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI D.R. CHAVAN) : (a) A statement is laid on table in House.

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It is purchased according to the requirements of indentors.

STATEMENT

The total value of textile items purchased in Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals during the last four years is as follows:

(Value in Lakhs of Rs.)

Item	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	*1972-73
Mill Made & power loom cloth.	741.77	1,306.78	4,166.18	1,651.52
Khadi	126.99	112.46	46.61	2.80
Handloom	25.28	180.09	358.29	120.35

*Figures for 1972-73 are up to October '72 only.

iii. DISINTEGRATION OF RELATIONS WITH G.D.R.

111. SHRI YOGENDR SHARMA :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
DR. L. V. VHMAD :
SHRI SWAT KISHOR RAHA :
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :
MIR J. VENIGALLA SATY

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NARAYANA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to make :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any communication from the Government of Federal Republic of Germany against giving full recognition to the G.D.R.; and

(b) if so, what is the gist of that communication?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

111. SHRI N. R. CHAUDHURY :

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR :
MUKHERJEE : SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH : SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team consisting of officials was sent to study the operation of

the holding companies in certain countries in Europe; and

if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) : (a) and (b) A study

team consisting of Shri M. A. Wadud Khan, Secretary and Chairman-designate of the proposed Steel Holding Company as Leader and Shri P. N. Dhar, Secretary to the Prime Minister, Shri H. Ilhaya, Chairman, Hindustan Steel and Shri K. V. Ramanathan, Joint Secretary, visited Italy, Sweden and France to study the functioning and experience of Holding Companies and similar organisations in these countries. Shri Wadud Khan also visited London for discussions with the Chairman of the British Airways Board. The team left for Europe on the 24th September and spent two weeks in these three countries.

ARREARS OF PROVINCIAL FUND

112. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :
SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN : SHRI SITARAM KESRI : SHRI MONORANJAN ROY : SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON : SHRI SANAI KUMAR RAHA : SHRI N. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :