

PRODUCTION OF CONTROLLED CLOTH

40. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:
SHRI S. G. SARDESAI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme for production of controlled cloth for the use of common man has expired at the end of May, 1972; and

(b) if so, what alternative measures have been taken to ensure production of these varieties of cloth in adequate quantities and to make them available to the consumer at reasonable prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b) The scheme is continuing.

BEAS PROJECT

41. SHRIMATI SITA DEVI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated cost of the Beas Project unit No. I & II;

(b) the date by which the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the amount so far expended on the construction of the Beas-project, unitwise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) : (a) Unit-I Rs. 179.64 crores.
Unit-II Rs. 189.90 crores.

(b) As per present schedule, the completion targets of the works of the two units are:—

Unit I

(i) Diversion of water into river SutlejDecember, 1973.

(ii) Commissioning of the first unit of Dehar Power Plant.....March, 1974.

Unit II

(i) Completion of the storage Dam at Pong.....June, 1973.

(ii) Commissioning of the first unit of Pong Power Plant...In Vth Plan.

(c) The total expenditure on Unit-I and Unit II upto June, 1972 are Rs. 117.86 crores and Rs. 128.27 crores respectively.

DECLINE IN TEA EXPORTS

42. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that where the total exports of tea during 1971 increased, its exports to certain traditional foreign markets declined considerably;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which export of tea declined in 1971, the extent of decline, as compared to the year 1970 and the reasons for the decline;

(c) the names of the countries competing with Indian tea exports in the world markets; and

(d) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by Government to step up exports of tea?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b) The revised figures of tea exports at 206.07 million kgs. during 1971 are about the same as in 1970 at 206.25 m. kgs. Exports to all traditional markets have been maintained with the exception of U.K., Arab Republic of Egypt and Australia. The extent of decline in exports to these three countries is 27.231 m.kgs., 2.413 m.kgs. and 0.622 m.kgs. respectively in the year 1971 over the exports in 1970. This may be attributed to demand and supply