

to the information received from the Government of West Bengal, the Police have arrested four persons in the case arising out of the stabbing of Shri T. P. Mukherjee and the investigations are in progress.

#### PRICE RISE IN TEXTILES

994. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/ विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items "Reduced area of control gives a fillip to price rise in textiles" appearing in the Hindustan Standard dated the 22nd June, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to curb this rise in prices in textiles ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/ विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no rise in the price of controlled varieties of cloth.

The prices of non-controlled cloth are dictated purely by the demand and supply position and by the popularity of certain brands as also by the availability and prices of raw cotton which goes into its production.

The Government has taken measures to arrest the rise in the prices of raw cotton.

At the instance of the Government Indian Cotton Mills' Federation have issued instructions to all the mills to stop forthwith all clubbed sales of cloth.

#### ORDERS OF PRINTING BY DIRECTORATE OF ADVERTISING AND VISUAL PUBLICITY

995. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/ सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity at the centre has not placed any orders of printing in the printing presses in Calcutta and Howrah ;

(b) whether the West Bengal Master Printers' Association has recently invited the attention of Government to various acts of discrimination against printing presses of West Bengal by the Director of Advertising and Visual Publicity ; and

(c) whether Government propose to investigate into the allegations and put an end to the discrimination against presses in Calcutta ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/ सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI DHARAM-VIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) A representation was received by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity from the West Bengal Master Printers' Association, Calcutta. The allegations made therein have been gone into and found without substance, as will be evident from the following statement ?

	Total No. of jobs under- taken	Total value thereof	No. of jobs en- trusted to Calcutta- printers	Value thereof
		Rs.		Rs.
1969-70 . . . . .	239	42,33,322	22	9,62,375
1970-71 . . . . .	399	59,36,598	62	9,31,490
1971-72 (April to July 71)	84	14,71,912	29	4,04,000