

There are special provisions in regard to cotton textiles, coir and jute products as well as certain processed agricultural products.

Exports of many Indian products are likely to benefit from the implementation by the EEC of its scheme. It is, however, difficult at this stage to make an accurate assessment of the extent to which the export of Indian goods is likely to be increased as a result of the implementation by the EEC of its scheme.

LOSSES FACED BY TEXTILE INDUSTRY

545. SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI K. SUNDARAM :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/
विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been invited to a report in the Economic Times of 9th April, 1971 regarding losses being faced by the textile industry in the country ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(b) It has been decided that the existing statutory obligation of the mills to produce controlled cloth to the extent of 25% of their production should not be altered. A scheme has recently been evolved in consultation with the industry whereby the industry has undertaken to produce 100 million sq. metres of controlled cloth during 3 months beginning from 1st June, 1971.

The mills which produce controlled varieties of cloth will be given a subsidy to the extent of 50 paise per sq. metre from funds which will be collected by the industry.

CLOSING DOWN OF TEA GARDENS IN DARJEELING

546. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MUKHERJEE :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN
TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to
state :

(a) the number of tea gardens of Darjeeling which have since been closed down ;

(b) the reasons for such closure ; and

(c) the measures Government propose to adopt to reopen these gardens ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/
विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री
(SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Three tea gardens in Darjeeling were closed down during the 5 years ending 1969.

(b) One tea garden was closed down due to uneconomic working ; another tea garden was requisitioned for defence purposes and the third garden which was closed down due to uneconomic working had been resumed by the West Bengal Government under the Estates Acquisition Act.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration to reopen the closed tea garden.

CAPTURE OF BSF PERSONNEL BY THE PAK ARMY

547. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI SULTAN SINGH :
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :
SHRI BALACHANDRA
MENON :
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :
SHRI A. D. MANI :
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR :
SHRI DEV DUTT PURI :
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI K. SUNDARAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/
गृह मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some B.S.F. personnel were captured in action by the Pakistan army along with arms near Benapole in Jessore District ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
गृह मंत्रालय और कर्मिक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) an

(b) No. B.S.F. personnel was captured by Pakistan Army near Benapole in Jessore District. However on 9-4-71 three constables of the B. S. F. on normal patrolling duty in Bongaon Sector of the Indo-East Bengal border were kidnapped along with some arms and ammunition by the Pakistani Army men.

(c) Strong protest has been lodged by the Government of India with the Government of Pakistan. Immediate return of the kidnapped personnel together with their arms, ammunition etc., has been demanded.

TARIFF COMMISSION REPORT ON NYLON YARN

548. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 93 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st April, 1971 and state :

(a) whether Government have since completed the examination of the report of the Tariff Commission in regard to Nylon Yarn, viscose staple fibre, rayon filament yarn, and polyester fibre ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has since been taken thereon ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/
विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री
(SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

549. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP
SINHA :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :
DR. SALIG RAM :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Will the Minister of PLANNING/
योजना मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether framework for a national energy policy has been evolved by Government ; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PLANNING/योजना मंत्रालय
में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) :
(a) and (b) The Energy Survey of India Committee which reported in 1965 made broad recommendations in the field of energy. These have generally been accepted and a Statement was also placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 1967. Subsequent to this, these recommendations have been and are being periodically reviewed by the concerned Ministries and Planning Commission as necessary. Excepting the above, the Government of India have not evolved a national energy policy as such.

PRICE OF CLOTH

550. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state whether Government have considered the proposal of the Textile Industry to raise the price of cloth ; and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/
विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री
(SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : The question regarding revision of the prices of controlled cloth has been referred to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices and their recommendations are awaited.

NATIONAL INCOME

551. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP
SINHA :
DR. SALIG RAM :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER/प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total national income for the years 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 and

(b) what was the approximate total amount of wages of the organised labour during these years ?

THE PRIME MINISTER/प्रधान मंत्री
(SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The total national income for years 1968-69 and 1969-70, at current prices, was Rs. 28,678