

Information about the statewide output capacity of gins is not available. However, the existing capacity in the country appears to be sufficient for the present size of the crop.

(b) The gins installed in most of the factories are old but these are reported to be working satisfactorily with periodic replacement of the working parts like rollers, knife etc.

(c) Government of India has not drawn up any such Plan.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Single roller as well as double-roller gins are indigenously available. However, sawgins have to be imported.

COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA

1071. SHRI K. SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Corporation of India, and the considerations on which they have been nominated to the Board; and

(b) the terms of service and the emoluments of the Chairman and the Managing Director?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) In terms of the Articles of Association of the Cotton Corporation of India, the number of the Directors shall not be more than 12 and less than 4. The following five Directors have been appointed:—

1. Shri Rasiklal U. Parikh, Chairman
2. Shri N. S. Kulkarni, Managing Director
3. Shri K. S. Ganapati, Director
4. Shri L. N. Rangarajan, Director
5. Shri M. A. Rangaswamy, Director

As regards the remaining seven Directors their appointment would be finalized shortly. The appointment of the Directors has been done keeping in view their related experience, both in administrative capacity as also in the matter connected with cotton.

(b) The Chairman is honorary and as such does not receive any salary. However, he would get Rs. 51 per day for attending meetings. As regards Managing Director, he is in the pay-scale of Rs. 1800-100-2000, plus usual allowances as admissible to officer of the public undertakings.

1072. [Transferred to the 14th December, 1970].

EXPORT OF IRON ORE FROM PARADEEP PORT

1073. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state whether iron ore export from Paradeep Port is likely to be affected due to damage on account of the recent cyclone as reported in the Hindustan Times of 19th November, 1970?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): No, Sir, iron ore shipments are continuing.

DEMURRAGE PAID BY M.M.T.C.

1074. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN: will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has suffered heavy demurrage on shipment of iron ore from Paradeep Port for exports;

(b) if so, amount of the demurrage paid;

(c) whether the demurrage was paid in foreign exchange; and