

**CURBING COMMUNALISM IN THE COUNTRY**

1602. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Integration Council will launch a mass drive to curb communalism in the country;

(b) if so, whether the standing committee of the N.I.C. at its recent meeting decided to go ahead with the proposal for joint mass campaigning;

(c) whether Government are aware that a muslim league convention is taking place soon in the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government there to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (SHRIMATI NARINI SATPATHY): (a) to (d) During its fourth meeting the Standing Committee of the NIC decided that a joint mass campaign should be undertaken to combat communalism. But it should be ascertained that the parties participating subscribed fully to the statement adopted at the all-party Conference.

**REOPENING OF SICK TEXTILE MILLS**

1603. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Corporation has decided to reopen three sick mills at the cost of Rs. 60 lakh and if so, what are those three mills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Corporation has recommended to Government, for the reconstruction and modernisation of eight other mills at a cost of Rs 41 crores; and

(c) if so the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDFARY RAM SEWAK): (a)

No, Sir. However, the Corporation had in the recent months recommended take over of the management of six sick cotton textile mills by Government, under Section 18A of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. Out of these, the managements of four mills, viz., (1) Rajkot Spg. and Wvg., Mills Ltd., Rajkot, (2) Mahalaxmi Mills Co. Ltd., Bhavnagar, (3) Keshav Mills Ltd., Petlad, and (4) Chhaganlal Textile Mills Ltd., Chalisgaon, have already been taken over by Government. The cases of the remaining two mills, viz., Coimbatore Murugan Mills Ltd., Coimbatore, and Burhanpur Tapti Mills Ltd., Burhanpur, are under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Corporation had, however, envisaged a total financial outlay of the order of Rs. 9 crores for the eight mills.

(c) Orders have already been issued for the reconstruction of the following four mill companies: —

(1) RSRG Mohta Spg. and Wvg. Mills Ltd, Akola.

(2) New Bhopal Textiles Ltd., Bhopal.

(3) Swadeshi Cotton and Flour Mills Ltd., Indore.

(4) India United Mills Ltd., Bombay.

The cases of the remaining four mills are under consideration, in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

**ADVERSE BALANCE OF TRADE**

1604. SHRIINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to face an adverse balance of trade in 1970;

(b) if so, the export and import performances during this year;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no reasonable chance of meeting..