

**EXPORT OF ART SILK CLOTH**

15. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a firm order to export Art Silk Cloth worth Rs. 5-7 crores has been received by the State Trading Corporation of India;

(b) if so, how much of this has been actually exported; and

(c) if the order has not been fully met what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A joint sales team of Rayex and S. T. C. has secured confirmed orders for a value of Rs. 2-3 crores approximately. Orders yet to be confirmed are valued at Rs. 3 • 7 crores approximately.

(b) 5,05,900 yards valued at Rs.7,88,300 were shipped up to 30th June, 1968.

(c) Deliveries have been accelerated and it is expected that the contracts will be completed before the end of 1968 in respect of confirmed orders as agreed to with foreign buyers.

**ASHOK MEHTA COMMITTEE REPORT ON POWERLOOMS AND HANDLOOMS**

16. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted Ashok Mehta Committee Report on Powerlooms and Handlooms; and

(b) if so, how many recommendations have been implemented so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations accepted by Government have been implemented.

**AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR WITH CZECH COLLABORATION**

17. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1968 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the modified report received from the Czech Agency with regard to manufacture of Agricultural Tractors; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

**EXPORT OF OILCAKES OF GROUND NUTS AND COTTON SEEDS**

18. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of oil cakes of ground nuts and cotton seeds exported during the year 1967-68 up to 31st March, 1968;

(b) the foreign exchange earned on this account; and

(c) the names of the countries (country-wise) to which these were exported and the quantity exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c) A statement showing country-wise quantity and value of oil cakes of groundnuts and cotton seeds exported during the year 1967-68 is attached.