Allotment of land belonging to Indu Mill for Chaitya Bhoomi

1579. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a)   what is the status of giving 12.5 acres of land in Mumbai belonging to Indu Mill for the development of the Chaitya Bhoomi;

(b)   whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted the development plan to the Central Government; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a)   For the utilization of approx. 12 acres land of India United Mills No.6 for construction of a memorial to Bharat Ratna Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, a Committee consisting of officials from the Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Environment & Forest and State Government of Maharashtra has been constituted to examine and make recommendations on the issue.

(b)   No Sir.

(c)   Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Setting up of Regional Science Centres

†1580. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)   the number of Regional Science Centres in the country and functions thereof;

(b)   whether Government proposes to set up more such centres in the country;

(c)   if so, the State-wise and the Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(d)   the total allocation made and the fund utilized for the above said purpose?

THE MINISTER FOR CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c)   A list of existing Regional and Sub Regional Science Centres and those that are being developed or are proposed to be established is given in Statement (*See* below). The setting up of Science Centres is a continuous process, undertaken on the basis of the projects received by State Governments from time to time. The main function of Science Centres is to portray the growth of science and technology and their application in industry and human welfare, with a view to develop scientific attitude and temper amongst the people.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.