

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: My answer says that a very careful watch is kept in Bombay especially, and, as a matter of fact, there are at least half a dozen other places in India where also this record is kept. I believe there are a number of universities, apart from these, which also keep these records.

Jute Mills in Bihar

*377. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar has asked for the provisions of some jute mills in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government to the proposal; and

(c) the number of jute mills proposed to be provided in Bihar and their location?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Government have not received any such request from the Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above parts (b) and (c) do not arise.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether they have made any request as regards the expansion and modernisation of the existing plant in Bihar.

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir; there is no chance of it, because the hon. Member knows that the Jute Enquiry Commission have recommended that we have got much more surplus capacity than the demand for jute products.

Shri L. N. Mishra: In view of the provision made in the second Five Year Plan to have a plant in Assam, may I know whether any step has been taken in that direction?

Shri Kanungo: Not much of a step has been taken. The licences have been granted, but not much of progress has been made.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या माननीय मंत्री मालूम है कि उत्तर बिहार में बहुत

ज्यादा ज्यूट की खेती होती है और वहाँ के किसानों को ज्यूट को कलकत्ता भेजने में बहुत दिक्कत होती है ? इस चीज को देखते हुए क्या सरकार उत्तर बिहार में कोई ज्यूट मिल स्थापित करने की किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ?

श्री कानूनगो : मैं ने अभी कहा है कि नई ज्यूट मिल स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है और जो स्थिति है वह कमिशन की रिपोर्ट देखने से माननीय सदस्य को मालूम हो जायेगी ।

Shri Ranga: I also understand that India is self-sufficient in jute production. Does it mean that India will not be able to export jute products any more?

Shri Kanungo: India has to export 80 per cent. of its production. But we have got surplus capacity more than what is required.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know the reason for the decision of the Government not to have any expansion of the jute industry programme in the coming future? Is it because the American demand for jute has fallen or because world demand for Indian jute has fallen?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): The existing capacity of the mills is more than what is required and what can be exported. If you want to sell more, these mills can produce even more than the present production. Therefore, there is no question of any expansion.

Compensation to Displaced Persons

*378. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been paid compensation out of the claimants from West Pakistan who applied for the same during the period from the 1st of November, 1956 to the end of April, 1957; and