

[Translation]

### Uniform Weight and Measurement

\*129. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to introduce uniform weight and measures rule is under consideration of Government keeping in view interests of the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Central Government have framed Rules under the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976, which are uniformly applicable throughout the country.

Under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985, however, some State Governments have not framed Rules although they were provided with copy of the model Rules, framed by the Central Government. The matter is being pursued with these States.

[English]

### Production of Jute

\*130. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :  
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production and consumption of Jute in the country at present;

(b) whether production of Jute is decreasing;

(c) if so, the quantity of decrease registered in the production of Jute this year in comparison to the previous year and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are considering to give any special facility to Jute farmers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production of Jute?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) The production and consumption of Jute during 1994-95 in the country is 82.72 lakh bales and 88.2 lakhs bales of 180 Kg. each respectively.

(b) and (c). The production of Jute is likely to be more during 1994-95 than the previous year (1993-94).

(d) to (f). Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Special Jute Development Programme with the twin objective of increasing the production and improving the quality of Jute on cent percent Central assistance. The programme is being implemented in 8 Jute/Mesta growing States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under the scheme, major components of assistance provided are distribution of seeds, implements, essential nutrients, Minikits, fungal culture, foliar spray of urea, demonstration, farmer's training.

[Translation]

### Transportation of Coal

\*131. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether more wagons are required for achieving the target of transportation of the goods fixed in the budget for the year 1995-96;

(b) the number of wagons required for the transportation of Coal;

(c) the number of wagons as on June 30, 1995; and

(d) the details of the arrangement being made for the supply of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The required number of wagons are being procured.

(b) The demands of all the sectors including coals are met from a common pool of wagons.

(c) The number of wagons as on 28.2.95 was 466,959 in 4 wheeler units.

(d) Apart from the planned procurement of wagons as required, the Railways have taken steps to improve the availability of wagons by intensive monitoring of the fleet, upgrading the pattern of train examination, improving maintenance practices, optimising efficiency at terminals, etc.

[English]

### Foodgrains Stock

\*132. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :  
SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the recent spurt in international prices making Indian wheat competitive, global traders have set their eyes on the huge stocks available here;