

Cost of Production of Raw Jute

3831. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report regarding the enquiry recently conducted by the Indian Central Jute Committee about the cost of production of raw jute in different parts of the country; and

(b) whether they propose to declare a floor price the rate at which raw jute should be purchased from the jute growers for this year?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is already a floor price and the same can be reviewed in light of the new crop.

Buffer Stock Agency for Jute

3832. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buffer stock agency for jute has purchased jute from Orissa particularly from the jute marketing co-operative societies and if so, what is the quantity;

(b) what is the price offered by the agency to jute-growers in Orissa;

(c) whether it is a fact that jute is being sold at the rate between Rs. 22-25 per maund in Orissa; and

(d) what is the quantity of stock of raw jute lying with the jute marketing co-operative societies unsold so far?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disarmament Conference

3833. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had in a recent meeting of the Disarmament Conference held in Geneva opposed the setting up of an experts group to discuss problems involved in the control of nuclear disarmament;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for this move; and

(c) what response it met at hands of the Conference?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). In the course of discussions on the subject of nuclear disarmament at the Geneva Disarmament Conference, the British delegate suggested that working party be established to study technical matters connected with nuclear disarmament so that effective inspection and control could be achieved. The Soviet representative opposed the idea of setting up any new working party or technical body. Commenting on the subject, on June 7, 1962, the Indian delegate did not oppose the type of study proposed by the British, but hoped for a flexible approach to the question of who should undertake the study. He put forward a suggestion that such a study be attempted in informal meetings of the disarmament Committee itself. No decision has been reached so far on this matter.

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**3835. { Shri Himmatsinhji:
Shri Kapur Singh:**

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Press Information Bureau for the supply of