

- (i) Purchase of jute goods by Government (DGS & D) from jute industry on cost plus basis;
- (ii) Introduction of compulsory use of 100% new jute bags by cement industry;
- (iii) Persuading other user departments to use more jute bags, instead of synthetic substitutes ;
- (iv) Free import of raw jute from Nepal through JCI;
- (v) Setting up of a Standing Committee under the auspices of RBI to study viability of jute mills and to suggest a package of financial measures for rehabilitation of potentially viable units.

Computation of Income tax in cases where Landlords Receive Portion of Rent in Kind

1451. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3712 on the 17th August, 1984 regarding computation of Income tax in cases where landlords receive portion of rent in kind and state :

(a) whether the Air-India's reply has since been received and if so, the action being taken to levy Income-tax on the Air-India's landlords for the concealed benefit enjoyed by them of free air-passage to foreign countries of their choice provided by Air-India; and

(b) the number of cases in which these landlords have concealed this monetary impact in their returns of income submitted to respective Income tax Offices if at all they did it and the penal action proposed to be taken against these unscrupulous landlords ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The Central Board of Direct

Taxes have since received from Air-India the names of landlords with whom such rent agreements have been entered, This information has been passed on to the concerned Commissioners of Income-tax for appropriate action under the Income-tax Act, 1961. Results of the inquiries will be known only after the investigations are completed.

Improvements in Mining Techniques and Modernising Equipment at Talcher Coalfields

1452. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to improve the mining techniques and modernise the equipment at Talcher Coalfields with a view to raise the coal output quantitatively and qualitatively ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : During the Seventh Five Year Plan the coal production from Talcher Coalfields is expected to increase from the present level of 3.40 million tonnes in 1984-85 to 8.9 mt. in 1989-90. In order to achieve this quantum of increase in production, a number of steps are being taken. Some of these steps being taken are as follows :—

- (i) A new opencast coal project with annual output capacity of 3.50 million tonnes at Bhartpur and a pithead washery have been sanctioned.
- (ii) Expansion of capacity of Jagannath opencast mine from 1.00 mt. to 2.00 mt. per year has been approved.
- (iii) Action is in hand to update revised project report for South Balanda mine for increasing its production to 1 mt. per year during 1986-87 from present level of production of 0.60 mt. during 1984-85.
- (iv) Feasibility studies for opening a highly mechanised underground mine