

(c) the time by which each of these committees/sub-committees is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM JABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Sericulture Training Institutes in Bihar

4335. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sericulture training institutes in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to start more such training institutes in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Central Silk Board has established a Central Tasar Research and Training Institute at Ranchi in Bihar.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to establish more such training institutes in the State.

(c) Does not arise.

UNDP Aid for Jute

4336. SHRI A. VENKATESH
NAIK:
DR. ASIM BALA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have not been provided by UNDP for development of traditional jute goods;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the curtailment of production of jute goods forced by an acute shortage of the fibre affected the jute prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). UNDP assisted National Programme for Jute Sector primarily focuses its attention on the Development of value added non-traditional jute products.

(c) and (d). Raw jute prices rose during the season due to lesser production of jute. This also led to a rise in prices of jute goods.

Export of Tobacco to Russia and CIS Countries

4337. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks have been initiated with Russia and CIS countries with regard to exports of tobacco during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Talks are held with these countries from time to time at various levels, and they have been requested to purchase Indian tobacco. Tobacco is one of the commodities which Russia can import from India in 1994-95 under the debt repayment route.