

Diversification of Jute Mills

3200. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units engaged in jute diversification, State-wise;

(b) the production of these units during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) the Central fund earmarked, disbursed and spent for the purpose so far, State-wise ; and

(d) the future plan in this regards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) 12 Jute mills in West Bengal are engaged in the production of diversified jute goods. In addition, the paper industry and a large number of entrepreneurs in the decentralised sector are also engaged in the production of diversified jute goods.

(b) The production of various non-traditional jute goods including the diversified products during 1991-92 is estimated at 264.4 thousand MT.

(c) & (d) . Government is encouraging entrepreneurs to take up the manufacture of diversified jute based products in various parts of the country. Several measures have been taken to promote the manufacture of such products including, inter alia, provision of financial, fiscal and marketing support and funding R & D activities to develop a new range of diversified jute products suited to consumer preferences. Funds are not earmarked for this purpose on a Statewise basis.

Decentralisation of Science and Technology

3201. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to decentralise Science and Technology system ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) & (b) . There is considerable delegation of powers in matters relating to financial procedure, personnel policies, procurement management system, technical support services and other administrative matters, to the scientific departments and agencies. In addition State Governments also have appropriate science and technology systems.

Projects of Gujarat

3202. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the projects in Gujarat that are being monitored by the Central Government ; and

(b) the detailed assessment of the same in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) . As on 1.1.93, 13 projects are under implementation in the State of Gujarat. In addition, 5 projects are in the nature of passing through Gujarat like Railway Line and petroleum pipeline. The names of these 18 projects along with the assessment of their present status is given in the enclosed statement.