

[*Translation*]**Rise in Prices of Raw Jute for Hoarding
by Jute Mill Owners**

4969. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise production of raw jute in lakhs of bales, during 1984 and 1985;

(b) whether jute mill owners have hoarded sufficient stock by purchasing raw jute as a result of which price of raw jute

have increased considerably;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken appropriate action against these profiteering jute mill owners;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The estimated State-wise production of raw jute and mesta during 1983-84 and 1984-85 jute seasons is as under :

(In lakh bales of 180 kgs. each)

State	1983-84	1984-85
1. West Bengal	41.11	36.20
2. Bihar	9.13	11.45
3. Assam	9.05	9.27
4. Orissa	5.20	5.46
5. U. P.	0.81	1.78
6. Andhra Pradesh	5.75	5.74
7. Meghalaya	0.64	0.91
8. Tripura	0.80	1.01
9. Other States	1.65	1.60
Total	74.14	73.42

(b) to (e). The holding of stocks of raw jute by the jute mills were regulated under Jute (Licensing & Control) Order, 1961, promulgated by Jute Commissioner during the period when prices of raw jute were high. A dehoarding operation was also conducted during the months of June & July 1985 to unearth any excess jute lying with mills and traders. The prices of raw jute have since come down substantially.

[*English*]**Textile Mills in Bombay**

4970. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND

TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills at present working in the city of Bombay;

(b) the number of textile mills that are working in the city of Bombay in the year 1960;

(c) the number of closed mills started functioning by Government of Maharashtra with the financial assistance from the Union Government;

(d) whether re-started mills reinstalled all their employees who were on their pay-roll on the date of their closure; and