

- (ii) Assistance to the State level Cooperative Procurement Agencies of Jute Corporation of India to construct godowns and other facilities. ... Rs. 2 crores
- (iii) Support to Jute R & D Organisations. ... Rs. 1.05 crore (Approx.)

Ministry of Agriculture are supervising and coordinating the implementation of the Raw Jute Agriculture Development Programme. The programme aims at up-grading the quality of jute as well as increasing per hectare productivity. There is no provision of institutional credit to the jute cultivators under this programme which is to be managed by the State Governments through the Agricultural Cooperative Credit Institutions and Nationalised Banks.

Govt. have set up a High Level Inter-Ministerial Committee to review the progress of different schemes on a periodical basis.

#### Changes in Sick Industrial Companies Act,

3663. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI S.B. SIDNAE:  
DR. G.S. RAJHANS:  
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested some important changes in the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the suggestions made;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the extent to which the implementation of the suggestions will help in improving the sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### New tea plantation in Eastern States

3664. SHRI ANAND PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a programme for new tea planting and replacing in Eastern States; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Seventh Plan document drafted by Tea Board in consultation with Tea Industry and Tea Research Association envisaged the following programmes of new planting and replanting in the traditional tea growing areas of Eastern States:--

State	(Hect.)	
	Extension Planting	New Planting
1	2	3
Assam	11,050	8,975