

Aid sought by Jute Industry

1760. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jute industry has sought aid from Government very recently; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Aid from I.D.A. and other U.N. Sources

1761. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India received any aid from International Development Association and any other U.N. Sources in the current year; and

(b) if so, the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATIL): (a) and (b). Receipts from International Development Association and other U. N. sources during 1977-78 are estimated at Rs. 552.38 crores and Rs. 163.45 crores respectively.

Decline in the Export of Manganese Ore

1762. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in the export of manganese ore dur-

ing 1976-77 as compared to previous years; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). The exports of manganese ore are being regulated from the conservation point of view. The value of the ore exported in 1976-77 was higher than in the previous year. There was a marginal fall in quantity.

Sale of Sugar to Foreign Countries

1763. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether corrupt practices have come to light with regard to sale of sugar to foreign countries;

(b) whether some executives including Shri Parekh, the S.T.C. Chairman had a hand in the matter;

(c) whether a part of the money made through corrupt practices went to Smt. Indira Gandhi also;

(d) whether any of these officials have gone out of the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (e). Certain complaints against the former Chairman, STC and some other Executives pertaining to sugar deals handled by the STC have been received. These are being investigated by the appropriate authorities.

(d) Some of the officials named in the complaints are already posted in STC's foreign offices; others are in the country.