

(c) The reopening of closed units in the handloom sector is sought to be brought about by the following measures :

- (1) Increasing the cooperative coverage and strengthening of the institutional frame work ;
- (2) Financial assistance for increasing the supply of inputs, particularly yarn by the creation of more spinning mills in the handloom cooperative sector ;
- (3) Financial assistance for increasing the marketing of handloom fabrics ;
- (4) Setting up of pre-loom and post-loom processing facilities for increasing the marketability of the handloom products ;
- (5) Gradual shift of the obligation of the production of controlled cloth from the mill sector to the handloom sector ;
- (6) Modernisation of the looms, thus increasing their productivity ; and
- (7) Provision of design support and improved technology through a chain of Weavers' Service Centres and Institutes of Handloom Technology.

Storage of Jute

960. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government have urged the Centre to instruct Jute Corporation of India to use its godown properly to store the jute ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

Training of Personnel for Hotel Management for Asian Games

961. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action plan has been prepared to train personnel coming up in Delhi or the Asian Games next year ;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up new institutes or expand the existing institutes to train man power for hotel management, the institutes at present in the country and their output ;

(c) what is the estimated extra requirement of the hotel personnel ; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to start crash programmes meet the demand and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) to (d). The total requirement for hotel personnel for the 10 hotel projects being set up in the Capital in connection with the Asian Games is estimated at around 5300 persons. In most of the cases, the Management have made their own arrangements for imparting training to their staff. For the remaining requirements, they are expected to be adequately met by the existing Hotel Management and Catering Institutes and Foodcraft Institutes in the country.