THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The prices of long staple cotton during the current season as compared to those prevailing during the last year are lower.

## (b) No, Sir.

- (c) Yes, Sir. The Corporation has already started purchases at 171 centers in all cotton growing States except Maharashtra. A statement showing the purchases of long staple cotton and all varieties made by the C.C.I. from different States in attached.
- (d) As the prices of kapas started marking a decline, the Government advised the C.C.I. to enter market and start buying operation to provide market support. On the request of the Gujarat State Cooperative Cotton Marketing Federation the Reserve Bank of India was requested to provide financial accommodation to the federation to step up its purchases of cotton. The latest available information indicates that the CCI had purchased kapas equivalent to about 6.71 lakh bales of cotton upto 11th March, addition, the Maharashtra 1982. In State Cooperative Marketing Federation had also purchased kapas equivalent to 11.33 lakh bales of cotton till 2nd March. 1982. Efforts are being made to improve the off-take of long staple cotton from the market.

## Statement

Purchases of Cotton by the C.C.I. during 1981-82 Cotton Season (upto 11-3-82)

<u> </u>	-		(Bales)
State	A Comment	Long stapple cotton	All varieties (including long staple)
1	E To	2	3
Punjab	earl Pri		173905
Haryana			67102

A Decrease of	2	3
Rajasthan	To a	118927
Gujarat .	62000	74644
Madhya Pradesh.	20000	139497
Andhra Pradesh.	72000	80773
Tamil Nadu .	4850	5103
Karnataka .	8900	10006
Uttar Pradesh .	**	247
* <u>-</u>	167750	671304

## विल्ली में धार्मिक ग्रौर सामाजिक संगठनों को भूमि का ग्राबंटन

3260. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या निर्माण ग्रौर ग्रावास मंती धार्मिक ग्रौर सामाजिक संगठनों को भूमि ग्रौर भवनों के ग्रावंटन के बारे में 14 दिसम्बर, 1981 के ग्रतारांकित प्रका संख्या 3598 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या दिल्ली में धार्मिक ग्रौर सामाजिक संगठनों को भूमि का ग्राबंटन करने से सम्बन्धित सूचना एकतित कर ली गई है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है; ग्रौर
- (ग) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण श्रीर श्रावास मंत्री (श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह): (क) से (ग). इस विस्तृह सूचना के संकलन में कुछ ग्रीर ग्रधिक समय लगेगा।