Dock Ltd. in the year 1979-80 and a cut back in further orders due to global recession in shipbuilding industry.

Purchase of Jute from West Bengal

4375. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) number of bales of jute purchased by the Jute Corporation of India from jute growing districts of West Bengal during the last three years, district-wise and also methods of such purchases;
- (b) whether Government are aware of the miserable plight of jute growers of West Bengal; and
- (c) whether Government propose to purchase jute through Cooperative Societies to save the poor peasants from exploitation from the so-called revolutionaries and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA); (a) A statement is attached.

- (b) Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the jute growers.
- (c) The Jute Corporation of India purchases jute through its own departmental centres and also through its agencies which are basically Co-operative Societies.

Statement

District-wise procurement of raw Jute by JCI in association with the Cooperatives, in West Bengal during the last 3 years is given below:

(In '000 bales of 180 Kgs. each)

District	1979- 80	1980- 81	1981-82
24 Parganas		65.9	148.
Midnapore		15.1	25.7

Hooghly	9.2	22.6	34.0
Burdwan	9.8	10.8	43.0
Bankura	2.7	5.0	10.9
Howrah	3.1	3.7	4.3
Nadia	45.7	57.2	203.7
Murshidabad	44.3	61.8	183.8
Malda	14.1	22.7	54 7
W. Dinajpur	55.6	67.1	150.7
Darjeeling	5.5	13.9	16.5
Jalpaiguri	48.5	57.1	77.4
Coochbehar	63.0	67.9	116.8
Total		-	
West Bengal	338.3	471.0	1069.8

Pay and Allowance to Primary School Teachers of Cantt. Board Lebong and Jalapahar

4376. SHRI ANANDA PA-THAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2514 on 2nd September, 1981, regarding pay and allowance to primary school Teachers of Cantt. Board Lebong and Jalapahar and state:

- (a) whether Government have gone through the Calcutta Gazettes (Extraordinary) dated, the 25th January, 1971 wherein the West Bengal Services (Revision of pay and allowance) Rules, 1970 has been published as Notification No. 5212-F;
- (b) if so, whether Government are also aware that there are Government Primary Schools at Purulia and Cooch Behar in West Bengal with specific pay and allowances for the Government Primary School Teachers;
- (c) if so, whether the teachers of Jalapahar and Lebong Cantonments are not entitled to get the same pay and allowance at par with the State Government's Primary