

रुपये की विनिमय दर का निर्धारण उन देशों की करेंसियों की उपयुक्त रूप से भारत डाली के आधार पर किया जाता है जो भारत के व्यापार में प्रमुख भागीदार हैं रुपया तथा विभिन्न अन्य करेंसियों के बीच विनिमय दरें इन करेंसियों के मूल्य में होने वाली घट-बढ़ के अनुसार घटती-बढ़ती रहती हैं तथा सब बात तो यह है कि किसी विशेष करेंसी के सम्बन्ध में "अवमूल्यन" शब्द की कोई प्रासंगिकता नहीं है।

(ग) और (घ). यदि अमेरिकी डालर सहित अन्य करेंसियों की तुलना में रुपये की विनिमय दर में होने वाले परिवर्तन से भारत को कोई आर्थिक हानि हुई हो तो उसे अलग करना सम्भव नहीं है।

#### Purchasing Power of Rupee

4151. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the purchasing power of the rupee has already dipped yet another new low and touched 20 paise during July this year with 1960 as the base year; and

(b) if so, whether a further devaluation of the Rupee is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The All-India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers' (1960=100) moved up from 470 in June 1982 to 478 in July 1982. Correspondingly the domestic purchasing power of the rupee measured as a reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index came down from 21.28 paise in June 1982 to 20.92 paise in July 1982.

(b) No, Sir.

#### Production of Jute and its purchase by Jute Corporation of India

4152. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of jute produced by the jute growers during the season;

(b) the quantity jute purchased by the Jute Corporation of India from the jute growers and what was the purchase price of jute;

(c) the names of the jute mills which are still closed or locked out and the number of workers involved in each mill and what steps have been taken for the reopening of these mills;

(d) whether Government have received any suggestion from the representatives of jute workers and trade Unions to solve the crisis between jute worker and the jute mills owners; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The combined jute and mesta crop during the year 1982-83 Jute season is expected to be about 60/62 lakh bales.

(b) During July to October, 1982 (upto 25-10-82), JCI has purchased a total quantity of 6.62 lakh bales including 1.45 lakh bales under commercial operation. Procurement under price support operation has been made at statutory minimum price of Rs. 175 per quintal (ex-Assam) fixed by the Government of W-5 grade for 1982-83 jute season.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) and (e). Some of the jute workers' unions have expressed concern over the continued lock-out in the jute mills. Labour being a state subject, it was not possible for the Central Govt. to intervene directly in the matter.