

**Persons Working in Six Nationalised
Jute Mills**

1069. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons working in the six nationalised jute mills in the country with the mill-wise break up as on 1 April, 1983;

(b) the number of persons working in these mills when they were closed with the mill-wise break-up;

(c) the number of persons in technical jobs and the same in non-technical and the supervisory overhead, with the mill-wise and break-up as on 1 April, 1983;

(d) monthly wage bills for the persons in technical jobs and the same for the non-technical and officers with the mill-wise break-up for April, 1983; and

(e) whether there is any large scale induction of unproductive persons after nationalisation and large number of officers affecting the viability of the nationalised jute mills if so, steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Reduction of Interest Rates on Credit for
Sugar Industry**

1070. SHRI B.V. DESAI :

SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering reduction of interest rates on credit for the sugar industry;

(b) whether Government are also planning to adopt the current market realisation

as the basis for stock valuation in order to determine the volume of such credit;

(c) if so, what are the other reliefs that will be provided to the sugar industry by his Ministry;

(d) to what extent they will be helpful; and

(e) whether India's inability to export sugar in polyline jute bags is causing the country dearly in terms of foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Reserve Bank of India have decided that banks will value stocks of sugar taken as a whole at realisable value (levy stock at levy price and free sale stock at market price) or cost price, whichever is lower.

Due to rise in the market price of sugar the sales realisation of mills are expected to be higher than estimated and more funds should be available in the hands of sugar mills, as and when sales are actually effected. In view of this no special reliefs are called for at present.

(e) No, Sir.

Plight of Wool-combers

1071. SHRI T. S. NEGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the plights of wool-combers (Business Standard of 24 June, 1983) due to unplanned imports of wool to help private importers ;

(b) whether similar situation was created last year resulting in losses to Rajasthan Wool Corporation which could not clear their stocks ; and