

Setting up of a Jute Industry in West Bengal

5336. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for setting up Jute Industry in North Bengal District of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to study the feasibility of such an Industry in North Bengal Districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Recovery of Loans from owners of Small Industries in H. P.

5338. SHRI PANNA LAL BARU-PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the measures proposed to be taken by Government to recover loans from the owners of the small industries in Himachal Pradesh which were set up by taking loans from Government and nationalised banks and are closed for want of technical and financial assistance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Recovery of loans given by commercial banks to owners of small industries in Himachal Pradesh will be governed by the terms and conditions agreed upon between the parties at the time of the sanction of the loans. If in some cases, because of difficulties beyond the control of the borrowers requiring some changes in the existing terms and conditions, the commercial banks examine the requests from borrowers on merit.

Import of Cotton from USSR

5339. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to import cotton from the Soviet Union this year; and

(b) if so, the value and quantity of cotton proposed to be imported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE): (a) Cotton Conversion Deal for the year 1973-74 has not yet been negotiated.

(b) Does not arise.

Decision of Lifting Ban on Tourists Visiting some areas in Eastern Region

5340. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to lift ban on tourists visiting some areas in the Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION: (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no ban as such on the visit of tourists to any area in the Eastern Region. However, special permits are required for visits to some areas in this region. Applications for permits are considered on merits.

बिहार में एक जूट के कारखाने की स्थापना

5341. श्री कमल मिश्र सद्युक्त : नया बाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने, बिहार के चकिया नामक स्थान पर जहाँ कच्चा माल पर्याप्त