

(c) The proposal is to locate its headquarters in India.

(d) International co-operation in research, development and promotion of jute goods is the main function and objective of the proposed Jute International.

**Discussion with Bangladesh about
Export of Jute**

9334. SHRI RAM HEDAOO; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussion took place recently between India and Bangladesh about the export of jute goods, the price of raw jute and jute manufactures through buffer stock operations; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During informal discussion India and Bangladesh have agreed to ascertain from I.M.F. the details of the scheme of financing jute buffer stock operations

Corned Meat Factory in Aurangabad

9335. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Brooke Bond India has been granted a letter of intent to establish a corned meat factory in Aurangabad involving a total outlay of Rs. 4.5 crores;

(b) if so, whether the entire output of the factory is planned to be exported;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) why a foreign monopoly concern is being allowed to spread out in the name of "diversification" and "export earning"?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir. M/s. Brooke Bond India Limited, Calcutta, have been issued a letter of intent for establishment of a new undertaking in a backward district of Maharashtra State for the manufacture of Corned Meat and other by-products. The cost of the project is estimated to Rs. 404 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir. The entire production is to be exported for a period of 10 years which may be extended for another five years at the discretion of the Government.

(c) Letter of Intent No. 955(74) dated 26th October, 1974 has been issued to M/s. Brooke Bond India Limited, Calcutta for manufacture of 10,740 metric tonnes of Corned meat as main product and other by-products like Extracts, Soap stock medium, Bone meal, Tallow and Semi-finished and finished leather.

(d) The proposal was examined by the different Departments concerned (D.G.T.D., D.G.S.S.I. and Department of Agriculture) and was found acceptable from MRTP angle also. It was found to be attractive as the entire production is to be exported yielding substantial net foreign exchange earnings. The applicant has also agreed to reduce the foreign equity from 75 per cent to 60 per cent.

**Pay scales of staff and officers of
Head Quarters Establishment of
I.T.D.C.**

9336. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the general conditions of service, leave and holidays, scales of pay and allowances, pay fixation formula and fringe benefits of the staff and officers of ITDC Headquarters establishments are governed by and are on the lines of Central Government employees and officers;