

ries, They have in particular tendered for the following 2 major projects:—

| Name of the Project | Estimated Cost | Participating Companies |
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| Shipyards Project at Basra | Rs. 60 crores | National Projects Const. Corpn. and National Bldg. Const. Corpn. |
| Dry Dock Project in Bahrain | Rs. 200 crores | National Projects Const. Corpn., National Bldg. Const. Corpn. and Richardson and Cruddas. |

Higher Statutory Minimum Price for Raw Jute

9401 SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has urged the Ministry of Agriculture for a higher statutory minimum price for raw jute as the price fixed by Agricultural Prices Commission is inadequate; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Agricultural Prices Commission has submitted its report on price policy for jute for 1975-76 season and the recommendations are under examination of the Government.

Raw Jute Economy

9402. Prof. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the raw jute economy is facing a crisis due to credit squeeze seriously hampering the large scale purchases by the Jute Corporation of India and steep fall in the prices of jute; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Jute Corporation of India's purchase operation in the current jute season had to be pruned down due to a short crop and restraint on credit. The prices of raw jute have by and large remained above the statutory minimum level prescribed by the Government. Efforts are under-way for effecting increases in the quantity of raw jute to be purchased by the J. C. I. in the next season

Non-availability of Nylon Yarn for Nylon Fabrics Industry

9403 SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nylon fabrics industry is facing difficulty as a result of the serious shortage of nylon yarn this year;

(b) if so, the total estimated requirements of nylon yarn and its availability from indigenous sources, and

(c) the quantity of nylon yarn proposed to be imported during the current year and the foreign exchange allocation therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The estimated requirement of nylon yarn was approximately