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Import of Jute Bags

1443. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to import jute bags by inviting global tenders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). No, Sir. On the other hand our Jute Industry is capable of and wellgeared to meeting the entire domestic and international demand for jute bags.

Setting up of Electron Microscope Laboratory

1444. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Electron Microscope Laboratory has been set up in All India Institute of Medical Sciences despite the fact that a fully equipped laboratory with very good transmission and scanning Electron Microscopes is available;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred in respect of old laboratory situated in the basement of AIIMS and the new one constructed at the Animal House separately?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b). A new transmission Electron Microscope has been added to the old set up of the electron microscope facility at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences because the previously installed Transmission Electron Microscope is 20 years old and had a major breakdown during the year 1987-88 adversely affecting the diagnostics service to the hospital and research activities.

(c) The expenditure incurred for the renovation of old laboratory including air-conditioning during 1970-71 was Rs. 5.50 lakhs and Rs. 2.75 lakhs approximately for renovation for the new laboratory. No new construction has been made.

Handloom Industry In Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1445. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation had been made for the development of handloom Industry in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, in the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of various items and heads of accounts under which allocations have been made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). No separate allocation of funds has been made for the development of the handloom industry in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the current Five Year Plan, as allocation of funds for the handloom sector is made Scheme-wise and not State-wise.