

to set up in each district, a District Manpower Planning and Employment Generation Council by the 31st December, 1981.

Incentive for Sale of Coir

*155 SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN : Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the demand made by coir industry to give incentive or subsidy for the promotion of its sales both inside and outside the country considering the heavy accumulation of stock ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal to give a fillip to the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANNA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Proposals received in this regard have been examined and the Government of Kerala and the Coir Board have been requested to formulate detailed schemes.

Effect of Price Rise on Annual Plan 1981-82

*156. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI DAULAT SINHJI JADEJA :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the cumulative effect of an aggregate price rise during the last three years is likely to affect the 1981-82 annual plan targets for both agriculture and industry ; and

(b) the steps contemplated by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) :
(a) and (b). The Annual Plan 1981-82 was finalised in the beginning of the current year and as such the rise in prices which had taken place till that time was by and large taken into account in its formulation. Since the beginning of April to the middle of November, 1981 the wholesale price index has increased by 3.8 per cent. The price rise is not likely materially to affect the current year's targets for production in agriculture or industry.

Introduction of a New System of Recruitment to Army

*157. SHRI M. M. A. KHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new system of recruitment to the army has been introduced recently ;

(b) if so, details of the same ; and

(c) advantages of the New system over the methods of selection followed earlier ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new system introduced with effect from 1st October, 1981 has prescribed physical efficiency tests like running, jumping, etc., to determine the physical stamina, and a literacy test of Class V standard. The selections will be done by a Board of officers consisting of the Branch Recruiting Officer and two officers from outside the Recruiting Organisation.

(c) The previous system of recruitment to the Other Ranks endeavoured to base itself on, but did