

purchases of jute generally, and to give price support and maintain a buffer stock of jute, with a view to ensuring a remunerative price to the jute grower. The Corporation will also look after the import of raw jute, export of raw jute, and jute goods and undertake measures for promotion of export of jute goods.

(2) The Corporation will have an authorised capital of Rs. 5 crores and a paid-up capital of Rs. 1 crore.

(3) By its judicious purchases of raw jute, the Corporation is expected to ensure a remunerative price to the jute grower and thus help in increasing jute production. This coupled with other export promotion measures that may be undertaken by the Corporation is expected to augment foreign exchange earnings from jute goods.

Consultations with Chief Ministers on National Policies

*233. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that before Parliament passed a Resolution on an issue of national policy such as Bangla Desh, all the Chief Ministers should be consulted ; and

(b) whether there has been any correspondence between the Chief Minister and the Government of India on the subject ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

Decline in Coir Exports

*234 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN KAPPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether coir exports had registered a fall in 1970-71 ;

(b) if so, the extent of fall registered ;

(c) the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps taken to step up coir exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) During 1970-71, 5,21,186, quintals of Coir goods were exported, as compared to 5,54,811 quintals during 1969-70, representing a decline of 6%.

(c) Keen competition from synthetic substitutes.

(d) The Government are considering strengthening of the industry's infra-structure and stabilise production. Measures are also being taken to modernise the industry and improve the quality of export products to generate greater demand.

Staging of a Parody of Ramayana in Trichi, Tamil Nadu

*235. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a parody of Ramayana was staged recently in Trichi in Tamil Nadu which deeply hurt the feelings of millions of Hindus throughout the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government purpose to take to prevent such acts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.