

was disbanded by the State Government at the instance of the Central Government and under the pressure of Jute Magnetas and so the report was not published on that account ? after the dissolution of the U.F. Government ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : The Committee was set up by the United Front Government in Bengal in 1969 and an interim report was submitted to the then Government. They decided not to publish the report. We have nothing to do with the report-

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : West Bengal is now under President's rule. Will the Central Government consider the report of that Commission or will they set up a commission to go into these affairs of Jute ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : We have already set up two commissions to go into the matter. Apart from that we have already taken a decision to set up a Jute Corporation ; it has come into being and it is going to look into the problems of raw jute and jute trade.

Fresh crisis in Textile Industry in Gujarat and other States

***1131. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the textile industry in Gujarat and in other States is facing a fresh crisis of a serious nature .

(b) if so, the nature thereof ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : How many mills closed their working in the year 1971 ? How many mills have been closed down up to May 1971 ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : This question refers to Gujarat. Six mills have closed down

and we have taken over 5. So far as the country as a whole is concerned, the Textile Corporation taken over 27 mills.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : What is the total loss of yarn and cloth and how many workers have been rendered employed ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : The workers affected are 50 000 or so ; but about yarn I shall not be able to say just now.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Self-sufficiency in Production of Cashew-nuts

***1113. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to take steps to produce cashewnuts internally to that extent that we can completely depend upon our own cashewnut production ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

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

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has a centrally sponsored scheme with an outlay of Rs. one crore for the remaining period of the Fourth Plan under which 5,000 hectares of additional area will be brought under cashew plantations departmentally and another 5,000 hectares will be covered under package programme.

Decline in Profits and Profitability of Jute Textile Industry

***1115. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the profits and profitability of the Jute Textile Industry has shown a sharp decline recently ; and

(b) the extent to which profitability of the Jute Industry has been affected as