

compared to previous three years (year-wise) ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). An analysis of the financial position of 41 out of 61 jute mill companies, representing about 69% of the production, shows that the profitability in the industry had fallen steeply during the period 1966-67 to 1969-70. The comparative figures of profits after taxation for these years are given below :—

(figures in lakh rupees)

1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
182	-309	179	-3

The figures for 1970-71 are not yet available. However, the trading conditions in 1970-71 had improved somewhat (except for a temporary slackness in demand for carpet backing). The position has improved since then.

**Demand for a Commission of Enquiry to Probe into Charges of Corruption Against former Akali Ministers of Punjab**

\*1126. SHRI DARBARA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether many former M. L. As of Punjab demanded a Commission of Enquiry against the corrupt Ministers of the Badal Government :

(b) whether Government propose to set up a High Power Commission to go into the alleged corruption charges against the Akali Government Ministers ; and

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The Government of Punjab have intimated that some former M. L. As. of Punjab have demanded the appointment of a commission

to enquire into allegations against some former Ministers of the Punjab Government.

(b) and (c). Specific allegations are being looked into. The question of appointing a Commission of Enquiry will be considered in the light of results of this scrutiny.

**International Telex for Madras**

\*1130. SHRI C. CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the nature of proposal pending before Government regarding International Telex Service for Madras ; and

(b) the reasons for delay in its implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) There is no proposal pending before Government regarding International Telex Service from Madras ; and

(b) Does not arise.

**Officer-oriented System in Grih Mantralaya**

1132. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an officer-oriented system for staffing of Sections has been introduced in the cadre of the Grih Mantralaya and, if so, the main features thereof ; and

(b) whether similar system is proposed to be recommended to other cadres for introduction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Introduction of the desk-officer system on the lines recommended by the A.R.C. in Ministries/Departments (Mantralayas/Vibhag) is under the consideration of the Government.