

(2) The new crop was expected to be good.

(3) Import of cuttings should be suspended temporarily in order to promote early disposal of the unsold jute in Bihar.

(4) While rail transport facilities are satisfactory, road facilities inside the jute growing areas in Bihar need improvement.

(5) Retting facilities are not adequate as a result of which the quality of the fibre suffered.

(6) It was not necessary to permit export of raw jute.

Purchases for State Governments

*761. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and

Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether any commission is charged by D.G.S. and D.I.S.M. Washington and I.S.D. London when they make purchases for State Governments industrial undertakings or quasi-public bodies;

(b) if so, the extra rate charged; and

(c) the amount of purchases made on behalf of bodies mentioned in part (a) above during the last three years?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department charges are leviable according to the following scale since 1-4-56:

	For purchase	For inspection	[For shipping
D.G.S. & D.	0.5	0.5%	..
I.S.D. London	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
ISM Washington	1.0% including Shipping.	At actuals.	..

(c) : (Value in lacs of rupees)

Years	State Govts.	Quasi Public Bodies
1955-56	21.20 54	1,85.39
1956-57	29.75.03	4,57.49
1957-58	25.44.55	3,17.63

Statistics of purchases made on behalf of 'State Governments Industrial Undertakings' are not maintained separately.

Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council

*766. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council has conducted any survey of the East African market for the Indian Cotton textiles recently; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No regular survey has been conducted.

(b) Does not arise.

Cottage Industries Emporium, New Delhi

*769. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water entered into the premises of the Cottage Industries Emporium, New Delhi causing damage to the material and stock;

(b) if so efforts made to save the material; and

(c) the financial loss due to flooding of the premises?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stocks were immediately removed to dry places and taken out