

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):** (a) to (d). According to DDA, no representation in this connection have been received since no such godown/showroom has been demolished by DDA recently.

Allotment of land for shifting of such godowns/ showrooms are eligible for alternate site, is considered by DDA.

#### **Jute Mill in Bihar**

5275. **SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a jute mill in Madhepura district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the Jute Sector, there already exists within the country sufficient capacity for manufacture of traditional jute goods. There is a supply and demand imbalance in both the export and local markets. The Jute Sector is also facing the export and local markets. The Jute Sector is also facing a stiff competition from synthetic substitutes. There is, therefore, no scope for establishing a new jute mill in the country including Madhepura District, for the manufacture of traditional jute products. However, as part of the diversification programme for the Jute Sector, the Government is prepared to consider on merits

applications for the setting up of units for the manufacture of diversified products.

[*English*]

#### **Outdated Textile Units**

5276. **SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the textile units in the country are outdated;

(b) the steps taken to replace the outdated equipment and machinery and modernisation of textile units in the country;

(c) whether the schemes have been drawn up for the purpose; and

(d) the steps taken in this direction?

**THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) Yes, Sir. It has been estimated that about 63% of the spindles and 82% of the looms installed in the industry are more than 15 years old.

(b) to (d). A Textile Modernisation Fund with a corpus of Rs.750 crores was set up on 1.8.86 for 5 years to meet the modernisation requirements of the textile industry. A part of the Fund has been earmarked for providing special loans to weak but viable units to meet a major part (upto 80%) of the promoter's contribution.

[*Translation*]

#### **Vacant Land in Motia Khan**

5277. **SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: