

Replenishment Licences and duty-drawback available on export of cotton textile, a number of export promotion measures like buyer-seller meets, participation in international fairs/exhibitions and market study tours are sponsored from time to time.

Purchase of Raw Jute by J.C.I.

4361. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total extent of raw jute purchases to be made this year by the Jute Corporation of India in terms of number of bales, directly from the jute growers and through the Co-operative Department of the Government of West Bengal acting as the agent of the JCI ;

(b) the official purchase price of the JCI per quintal of raw jute this year ; and

(c) the total financial assistance asked for by the West Bengal Govern-

ment for jute purchases through co-operatives ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) For 1982-83, the plan of J. C. I. is to procure whatever quantity of raw jute is offered to them by growers at statutory minimum prices fixed by Government under price Support Operation without quantifying magnitude of procurement in terms of targets. The plan is essentially open-ended on price-support operation. In addition, the JCI is expected to purchase 5 lakh bales of raw jute by way of commercial operation in 1982-83.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) A proposal has been received by JCI from Government of West Bengal for grant of a clear advance of Rs. 5 crores to West Bengal State Co-operative Marketing Federation for procurement of raw jute on account of the Corporation during 1982-83 season.

Statement

Statutory minimum prices of certain representative grades of jute and mesta fixed for 1982-83 are given below. While price support purchases will be at statutory minimum prices, Commercial operations will be made at ruling market rates.

Statutory Minimum Prices for 1982-83

(Rs. per quintal)

Districts	Variety/price		Mesta Bottom
	While (W5)	Tossa (TD5)	
Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri	182.00	194.50	159.00
Darjeeling			
West Dinajpur Malda	185.50	198.00	167.00
			(Semi-Northern)
			167.50
			(W. B. Desal)
Murshidabad, Bankura,	189.00	201.50	169.50
Birbhum			(Std. Murshidabad)
			156.00
			(Murshidabad)
Nadia, Midnapur, Burdwan,	192.00	204.50	173.50
24-Parganas, Hooghly,			
Howrah			