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Title: Need to deal with the situation arising out of drop in Jute production.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM) : The jute production in the country has been less this year, as a result of which total number of 75 to 80 lakh bales of jute are presently available against a total requirement of 100 lakh bales for the industry. It seems that there has been hoarding of raw jute by certain jute mill owners resulting in raw jute shortage. Accordingly, in a meeting held by the West Bengal Government, it has been decided that physical dehoarding operation will be conducted by the Jute Commissioner under the tax jute industry. Also that stoppage of raw jute export by Bangladesh should be taken up by the Commerce Ministry with the Bangladesh Government. I urge the Government to take remedial steps to deal with the situation to save the jute industry and its 2.5 lakh workers and prevent closure of jute mills.