

(b) if so, whether there is a decline of 4 lakh bales from the last year;

(c) what are the main reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve its production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):
(a) Estimates of production of raw jute for 1981-82 have not yet become available.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) In order to augment the production of raw jute in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Jute Development Programme is in operation in the major jute/mesta growing States of the country. This scheme provides assistance for staff and subsidy on critical inputs and demonstrations. The target for Sixth Plan (1984-85) for raw jute production has been fixed at 91 lakh bales.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the replies given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1981, to Starred Question 83, regarding strike threat by the All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organizations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Smt. Sheila Kaul to make a statement correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Sir... (Interruptions)

श्री शिव चन्द्र झा (बिहार) : मेरा प्वाइंट आफ़ ऑर्डर है। मैं आपकी याददाश्त को ताजा करना चाहता हूँ। कल भी यह हुआ था। रोज़ ही सवाल के जवाबों के करेक्शन

आ रहे हैं। आप सरकार को कहिये कि इस तरह से सरकार क्यों काम कर रही है और रोज़ ही क्यों हम को गलत जवाब दिये जाते हैं और उस के बाद रोज़ करेक्शन आते हैं।

श्री सभापति : अगर आप खामोश रहें तो मैं करेक्शन के बाद कहता कि आप सही जवाब पहले ही क्यों नहीं देते।

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही (उत्तर प्रदेश): यह तो कामन फीचर हो गया है।

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, I rise to make a correction to a statement made by me in the House. In the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha on November 27, 1981 relating to Starred Question No. 83, my reply to a Supplementary Question asked by Shri S. Kumaran reads in part as follows:—

"About the tutors, demonstrators and cartographers, their dues were long expected and they were denied. We have agreed to that, as I said just now."

The problem of Directors of Physical Education and Librarians was under consideration of the Central Government. We had agreed to up-grade their pay scales. The problems of the other categories namely, tutors, demonstrators, etc. are to be looked into by the State Governments. My statement "we have agreed to that" was only in the context of our decision to up-grade the pay scales of DPEs and Librarians.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a minute.

SHRI PILOO MODI (Gujarat): Sir, may I submit that you must admit that a correction a day should keep the Government away, but it doesn't?

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Sir, every day the Ministers give wrong statements and then they come forward with corrections. This has become a common feature. I would request your honour, Sir, to see that this ..