

**Multi role fighter planes demanded by IAF**

†209. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fighter planes, cargo helicopters and Dhruv helicopters with the Indian Air Force at present;
- (b) whether Air Force has demanded 126 multi role fighter planes; and
- (c) if so, whether the demands have been met?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The requirement of aircraft and helicopters is periodically reviewed and it is ensured that the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are met. The proposal for procurement of Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft for the IAF is being progressed in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure.

**Alternative jute bags for packing foodgrains**

210. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering alternative jute bags-DW plain sacking bags and SW Plain Hessian bags for packing foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA) have also developed similar bags for packing food articles; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government would consider the bags of IJIRA and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Government is considering development of alternative low cost jute bags for packing foodgrains in place of 665 gm DW B. Twill bags presently in use. One of the alternative jute bags under consideration is DW Plain sacking.

- (b) The details of the alternative bags under consideration are as follows:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (i) Plain weave (DW; single weft, woven on conventional shuttle loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 64 ends X 28 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- (ii) Twill weave (DW; single weft, woven on conventional shuttle loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 64 ends X 28 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- (iii) Plain weave (SW; double weft, woven on modern rapier loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 46 ends X 50 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- (iv) Twill weave (SW; double weft, woven on modern rapier loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 46 ends X 50 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.

(c) The alternative bags presently under consideration by the Government have been developed by Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA). IJIRA has taken up a project funded by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India for the purpose. The project of IJIRA is scheduled to be completed by June, 2012.

(d) Details of the bags given in part "b" above.

The Government would certainly consider the bags developed by IJIRA subject to their successful field trials, acceptance by consumers and standardization by BIS.

#### **Communal Harmony Justice and Reparation Commission**

211. SHR R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the National Advisory Council met and discussed the Communal Violence Bill which has been lingering since long;

(b) the details of demands being made by civil societies to be included in the Bill and the reasons for opposition for the same by the Government; and

(c) reasons why Government is not interested in constituting Communal Harmony Justice and Reparation Commission as has been demanded by many quarters?