

the Fourth Plan would be higher than at present.

PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN THE COUNTRY

859. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of cotton produced and imported during the current year;

(b) the cotton requirements of the country ;

(c) the foreign exchange needed for the import of cotton ; and

(d) the amount allocated for the improvement of cotton cultivation during the Fourth Five Year Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) :

(a) Cotton Produced
51.50 lakh bales
Cotton to be imported :
10.55 lakh bales

(b) Around 68 lakh bales.

(c) Rs. 130 crores.

(d) Central Government has allocated Rs. 5.10 crores.

JUTE CORPORATION

860. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether jute Corporation of India has started functioning recently ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) The Jute Corporation has been registered at Calcutta on the 2nd April, 1971. It has not yet started functioning.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT OF COTTON

861. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD :
SHRI DEVDATT PURI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received the report of the Textile Development Council in which it is stated that India will have to import about Rs. 230 crores worth of cotton and man-made fibre yarn this year ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) what are the other features of the report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c) Government is not aware of the existence of any such body, official or non-Official. Nor has any such report been received.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BHABHA COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONICS

862. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :
DR. SALIG RAM :
SHRI R. P. SINHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER/प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Bhabha Committee on Electronics ;

(b) whether Government propose to prepare a new plan for electronics and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS/इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Bhabha Committee report was submitted in 1966; its recommendations were accepted