

अन्त तक देश में पटसन तथा मेस्टा के उत्पादन को बढ़ा कर 110 लाख गांठों तक पहुंचाने के लिये प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) पटसन-निर्मित वस्तुओं पर निर्यात-दुर्लभ घटा दिये गये हैं, ताकि पटसन उद्योग अपना निर्यात बढ़ा सके।

(ग) देशी उत्पादन की कमी को पूरा करने के लिये आयात सुविधाएं तथा घटी हुई दरों पर आर्थिक सहायता अभी भी दी जा रही है।

[THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

There has been no crisis in the jute industry. However, owing to crop failures in the country especially in the last two years, the industry experienced substantial shortages in its requirements of raw material. As a result, prices of jute and jute manufactures had risen. Consequent upon devaluation, Government levied export duties on jute manufactures in order to defend the unit value of our ₹.-: ports from too steep a decline.

2. In order to meet this situation the following measures have been taken:

(a) Efforts are being made to step up the production of jute and mesta in the country to a level of 110 lakh bales by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) Export duties on jute manufactures have been reduced in order to enable the jute industry to step up exports; and

+ [] English translation.

(c) Import facilities and subsidies at reduced rates are being continued to meet the shortage of indigenous production.]

D. A. FOR DOUBLING SECTION WORKERS OK N. E. RAJLWAT

*513. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D. A. granted to Central Government Employees is not being paid to the doubling section workers of N. I. Railway in Gonda Division; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) and (b) There is no double line section or any doubling in progress in any section of Gonda District of the North Eastern Railway.

AIR-CONDITIONED TRAINS

*514 SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to introduce more air-conditioned trains in the country is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the routes on which the trains are proposed to be introduced; and

(c) when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for introduction of air-conditioned Express trains on one or two metre gauge trunk routes is under examination.

(c) Some time in 1970, subject to the two air-conditioned rakes, which have been planned for procurement being available.