

(a) whether any variety of pepper produced in Kerala is banned in some of the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Writ petitions on service matters pending in Delhi High Court

7784. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of admitted writ petitions relating to service matters of the employees of the autonomous bodies pending for final disposal by the Division Benches of the Delhi High Court as on March 31, 1992;

(b) the number of petitions likely to be finally disposed of during the year 1992; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for early disposal of these petitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRIRANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGLAM) (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rubber Cultivation

7785. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubber is being grown in all the States of the North-East region;

(b) if so, the areas covered under rubber plantation in each State in this region;

(c) the amount allocated to each State during 1991-92 for encouraging rubber plantation;

(d) whether there are any rubber research facilities in North Eastern region; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to provide research facilities in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The areas covered under rubber plantation and the amount expended during 1991-92 for encouraging rubber plantation in each State of the North-East region, are given below:-

<i>State</i>	<i>Area (in Hectares)</i>	<i>Amount Spent (in Rs./Lakhs)</i>
Tripura	17,120	152.00
Assam	9,380	110.00
Meghalaya	3,880	58.00