

[English]

### **Foreign Exchange to Film Units**

\*514. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign exchange granted to film units which went out of India during the last three years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange utilised by them; and

(c) the steps being taken to restrain the drain of foreign exchange by this entertainment sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b). As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, during the last three years (i.e. 1990, 1991 and 1992) a total amount of approximately US\$ 5,23,190 was recommended for release in favour of the Indian film producers for shooting of films on foreign by them is not available with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(c) This is not necessary because foreign exchanges is released on the film producer's furnishing a bank guarantee for repatriation, in foreign exchange, twice of the amount released to him plus an equivalent amount spent by him on to and fro travel of the film team, which ensures that there is no drain of foreign exchange on shooting of films abroad.

### **Rubber Production**

\*515. SHRI THAYAL JOHN ANJALOSE:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch some new schemes to increase the production of rubber in the country,

particularly in Kerala, during 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The World Bank has offered assistance amounting to International Development Agency (IDA) credit equivalent to US\$ 92 million (Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 66.4 million) for the future development of rubber plantations in the country. Pending signing of the final agreement in this regard between the World Bank and the Government of India, the following components inter-alia have been drawn up for implementation:-

- (i) Replanting of old and low yielding rubber in 40,000 hectares in traditional rubber growing areas of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) New planting in 30,000 hectares consisting of 23,000 hectares in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, 5,000 hectares in Tripura and 2,000 hectares in selected other non-traditional areas.
- (iii) Productivity enhancement in 60,000 hectares of nature areas of small holdings in traditional areas through adoption of improved agro-management and exploitation (discriminatory fertilizer application, plant protection, scientific tapping, rain guarding, chemical stimulation of yield on older trees).
- (iv) Establishment of expanded and improved processing facilities.
- (v) Institutional support for Rubber Board for the research, extension, training and technical assistance, and project coordination.
- (vi) Development of women and tribal people amongst participating populations particularly in Tripura.