

[*English*]**Opening of IRBI Branch at Bangalore**

2701. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a branch of Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Road Rubberisation Programme

2702. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake a road rubberisation programme in a phased manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any studies have been made in this regard,

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the economics of using rubber in laying of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Studies to assess the effects of use of rubber as additive in bitumen for road works have been taken up and are in progress. The economics of using rubber in laying of roads can be worked out only after the outcome of these studies is known.

Turnover of MMTC and STC

2703. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the turnovers of State Trading Corporation and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during 1990-91 and their anticipated turnover for 1991-92; and

(b) the export promotion measures taken by them to boost exports, especially the export of non-traditional value added items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The turnover of State Trading Corporation (STC) and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) during 1990-91 and their anticipated turnover during 1991-92 are;

(Rs. crores)

| Year | STC | MMTC |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1990-91 | 1756.00 | 5623.00 |
| 1991-92 | 1982.00 | 7503.66 |