

[English]

Opening of Sub-Office of Controller of Imports and Exports at Mysore

3676. SHRIMATICHANDRAPRABHARS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a sub-office of the Controller of Imports and Exports at Mysore; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal under consideration with the Government to open a sub office of the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports (CCI&E) at Mysore.

Losses in Nationalised Banks in Kerala

3677. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHÁVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the nationalised banks in Kerala which have suffered loss as on October 31, 1991; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The present data reporting system does not yield region-wise information in regard to the profits and losses of nationalised banks.

Setting up of Cardamom Board

3678. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA .
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to set up Cardamom Board; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

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

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Trade Deficit

3679. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the trade deficit expected during 1991-92;

(b) whether it includes imports for defence; and

(c) the manner in which this deficit is proposed to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to the provisional figures, India's trade deficit amounted to Rs. 2356 crores during April-September, 1991 as compared to Rs. 4234 crores during April-September 1990. It is difficult to precisely estimate the trade deficit for the financial year 1991-92 at this stage.

(b) The trade figures include only the merchandise trade that pass through the customs, without any distinction being made whether they are for defence purposes or otherwise.

(c) The Government introduced a package of trade policy reforms aimed at strengthening of export incentives, eliminating substantial volume of import