

(a) whether Malaysia proposes to buy iron ore from India ;

(b) if so, the total tonnes of iron ore proposed to be imported by Malaysia from India annually ;

(c) whether the import of iron ore to Malaysia will be stated in 1985-86 financial year ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Malaysia has been importing about 30,000 tonnes of iron from India.

(c) and (d) During the last few months, two more steel plants have been constructed in Malaysia. Possibilities of supply of iron ore from India for these steel plants are being explored.

#### Performance by MMTC

7210. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of MMTC during 1984-85 ;

(b) if so, areas where the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation fared well in the above year ;

(c) whether MMTC has adopted strategy of diversifying into the areas of production in India and abroad ; and

(d) if so, the programme proposed to be launched in this regard in 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1984-85 the corporation achieved a turnover of Rs. 2763 crores,

nearly 50% higher than the budgeted turnover of Rs. 1834 crores. Exports reached highest cost turnover of Rs.372 crores representing 36% increase over the previous year's exports of Rs.274 crores. The corporation non-canalised trade turnover reached a highest ever figure of Rs. 42 crores during the year. The Corporation also concluded a 10 million tonnes Iron Ore contract with Japan.

(c) and (d). MMTC has been adopting a policy of developing reliable longterm sources of supplies for the critical imports, for promoting exports and for imports substitution. Emerald processing unit at Jaipur has been set up by M.M.T.C. Similar possibilities are being constantly explored.

#### Proposal to Start Harijan Development Bank in Kerala

7211. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to start a Harijana Development Bank in Kerala or elsewhere ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Amalgamation of Private Sector Banks

7212. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : SHRI DEBI GHOSAL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has any proposal to placed under moratorium in April with the nationalised banks ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(d) Does not arise.

**Impact of Import of Rubber, Copra,  
Coconut Oil and Spices on the  
Economy of Kerala**

7213. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ever  
conducted a study of the impact of the  
import of commercial produce like  
rubber, copra coconut oil and spices like  
cloves ; nutmeg etc on the economy of  
Kerala ;

(b) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(c) the specific steps proposed to  
be taken in future to compensate such  
losses incurred by Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEX-  
TILES (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR  
SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government takes care to protect  
the interest of growers as well as consu-  
mers by way of importing bare minimum  
quantity of such commodities to bridge  
the gap between demand and supply,  
and their releases are made at prices  
which help to control the in-  
ternal market price at levels remunera-  
tive to the growers.

**Transfer of Employees in United  
Commercial Bank**

7214. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the  
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large  
number of employees working in the

United Commercial Bank for the last  
10-15 years have not been transferred in  
accordance with the transfer policy of  
the bank;

(b) the number of such employees  
with their cadre in Delhi and reasons  
for not transferring them; and

(c) the action Government propose  
to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to  
(c). There are a number of employees in  
United Commercial Bank, as for instan-  
ce about 35 officers in Delhi, who have  
remained posted at the same place for  
as long as 10 to 15 years. The Bank  
has since initiated action to effect nece-  
ssary transfers in line with the guideli-  
nes issued by the Government to the  
public sector banks on the subject.

**Import of Rubber through STC.**

7215. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased  
to state :

(a) the quantity of rubber imported  
during 1985; and

(b) the quantity of imported rubber  
released by the State Trading Corpora-  
tion so far during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF  
THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND  
TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA-  
SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). A  
quantity of 10,400 tonnes has so far  
been imported by State Trading Corpo-  
ration during the year 1985 and con-  
tracts for another 5,000 tonnes have  
been concluded. A quantity of 12,000  
tonnes has so far been released to the  
industry during the current calendar  
year.

**Scheme of Giving Spraying Subsidy for  
Rubber**

7216. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased  
to state :