

selves do not warrant any action.

[*Translation*]

Stoppage of Circulation of Rs. 100 note to Unearth Black Money

1515. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of 100 Rupee denominated notes in circulation at present; and

(b) whether under the scheme to unearth black money Government are contemplating either to stop circulation of these notes or to get them deposited for issuing new notes in lieu thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The number of Rs. 100/ denomination notes in circulation at the end of June, 1984, the latest date for which information is available, was 1298 million pieces.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Production and Demand of Rubber

1516. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will

the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total area under rubber cultivation in the country and the latest production figure;

(b) the percentage of increase in production during the last five years with year-wise break-up;

(c) the actual domestic demand of rubber during these years; and

(d) the steps being taken to augment production of natural rubber in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) :

(a) Area under rubber cultivation at the end of 1983-84 was 3.08 lakh hectares and production during the 1983-84 was 175,280 tonnes. Estimated production during the 1984-85 is 187,000 tonnes.

(b) Year-wise production and percentage increase in production during the last 5 years :

Year	Production (Tonnes)	%age increase over the Previous year
1979-80	148,470	9.7
1980-81	153,100	3.1
1981-82	152,870	(—)0.2
1982-83	165,850	8.5
1983-84	175,280	5.7

(c) Domestic consumption of rubber is given below :

Year	Consumption (Tonnes)
1	2
1979-80	165,245

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	1980-81	173,630
	1981-82	188,420
	1982-83	195,545
	1983-84	209,480