

taking action against persons engaged in transporting minerals illegally. It is also proposed to create a special cell in the Police Department for curbing illegal mining.

Export of Rice Bran

5069 DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rice bran is exported from India to foreign countries ; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which exported and the quantity exported during the year 1984-85 to each country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Soda Ash

5070. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether sodaash was imported in the year 1984-85 ;

(b) if so, the quantity and the names of the countries from which imported and the cost per ton ; and

(c) the measures being taken to remove the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b)

A statement showing the quantity, value, unit value and major countries from which imported) of soda ash imported during 1980-81 to 1982-83 (upto February, 1983) is given below Figures beyond February, 1983 are not yet available.

(c) Imports of soda ash were permitted at a reduced rate of Import duty. MMTC has decided to import 5000 tonnes of soda Ash for supply to small scale industries.