

(c) the steps taken to implement the programme successfully in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

#### Production of natural rubber

2119. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the target of output of natural rubber during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the production of the same during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUIT) : (a) and (b) : Production of natural rubber during the last three years and tentative target of production for the remaining years of the VII Five Year Plan period is given below :

Year	Production (in tonnes)
1983-84	175280 (A)
1984-85	186450 (A)
1985-86	200465 (A)
1986-87	215000 (T)
1987-88	225000 (T)
1988-89	244000 (T)
1989-90	265000 (T)

A—Actuals

T—Targetted.

#### Assistance by public financial institutions for revival of sick units

2120. SHRI H. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken steps to seek co-operation of the

public financial institutions to shoulder the responsibility of reviving sick units which can function satisfactorily; and

(b) if so, number of such units which have started functioning State-wise and the efforts made by the financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Guidelines have been issued by Reserve Bank of India from time to time for revival of sick/potentially sick industrial undertakings. Financial institutions undertake diagnostic studies where units have become sick and work out suitable rehabilitation packages in consultation with the involved banks and other agencies in case of viable units. The affairs of sick units under nursing are periodically reviewed at the joint meeting of the institutions. A Standing Coordination Committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India in which the chief executives of various financial institutions and some leading commercial banks are represented, to look into the matters pertaining to coordination between banks and financial institutions in the context of industrial sickness. The State-wise break-up of sick industrial units revived so far by Industrial Development Bank of India and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India is given below :

Andhra Pradesh	12
Assam	2
Bihar	5
Gujarat	5
Haryana	4
Karnataka	12
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	23
Punjab	6
Rajasthan	4
Tamil Nadu	12
Uttar Pradesh	9
West Bengal	6
Union Territory	5

Total : 108

The Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India has informed that out of the 262 units assisted by it till the end of June, 1985, 108 units have been revived and another 95 units were put under nursing programmes. The Industrial Finance Corporation of India has reported that it has put 42 units under nursing programme during the last three years.

#### Import of coins

2121. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coins imported from foreign countries with their names, price-wise;

(b) the amount of coins yet to be imported;

(c) total cost of these imported coins as compared to the cost if they were produced in India;

(d) (b) the number of mints in the country with their location; and

(e) the capacity of these mints in the matter of manufacturing coins ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). A total quantity of 4000 million pieces of coins of denominations of Rs. 1, 50 paise and 25 paise is being imported during 1985-87 from U.K., South Korea and Canada. Out of this 4000 million pieces, about 2000 million pieces have been received and the balance is expected to be received before the end of 1987.

The total cost of import of these coins is Rs. 131.07 crores. The cost of manufacture of these coins in the Government of India Mints is estimated around Rs. 200 crores.

(d) and (e). The existing three Mints are located in Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad. The present estimated capacity of the three Mints is about 2600 million pieces per annum. A fourth Mint is being set up at

NOIDA, UP with a capacity of 2000 million pieces per annum.

#### Indo-Bangladesh trade talks

2122. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any talks were held in recent weeks between India and Bangladesh to increase the volume of trade between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided inter alia, to extend the Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh for a further period of three years; that India would import urea and newsprint from Bangladesh and Bangladesh would import a larger quantity of coal from India.

#### Introduction of National Leather Policy

2123. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a National Leather Policy;

(b) whether such Policy is proposed to be introduced during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). A suggestion was made by the leather industry and trade in the Open House discussion held on 13.7.1986 by Commerce Minister at Madras to announce a National Leather Policy. The Council for Leather Exports, Madras, has invited suggestions from different segments of the industry to prepare blue-print to be submitted to the Government.