

### **Sale of Coffee in International Market**

3636. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable fall in the sale of Indian Coffee and its rate in the Mnternesh, market during 1991-92 and subsequently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). There was no significant fall in the sale of Indian coffee in the international market during 1991-92 when then compared to 1990-91. However, owing to a global surplus situation, international prices of coffee have fallen. Besides there has been a shortfall in the exports during April June 1992 when compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. This is mainly due to the reason that in the last fiscal years, out of the total exports of 10,117 tonnes of coffee in the first quarter a quantity of 11,750 tonnes were exported to erstwhile USSR thorough direct sales by the Coffee Board whereas in the Current fiscal year, no direct sales to Russia could take place in the first quarter as the contract was finalised only during July 1992. Additionally, considerable drop in world prices in 1992 compared to 1991 have slackened exports. The situation is expectes to improve with the shipments under the direct export contra with Russia taking place from August onwards. India is also articulating actively in the on-going negotiations for an International Coffee Agreement, which is expected in help

improve the international price situation.

### **Export of Engineering Goods**

3637. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified new areas for increasing export of engineering goods during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMANKHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Engineering Export Promotion council has identified South East Asia, West Asia, North America and the EEC countries as the the thrust market areas for the year 1992-93.

Government have also identified following eight export items in the engineering sector which could attain a 30% growth in dollar terms or volume terms over a period of three years:

- (i) Electric Power Generation & Distribution Equipment;
- (ii) Complete Vehicles of all types including two wheelers;
- (iii) Auto Components;
- (iv) Bicycles and parts;
- (v) Castings and Forgings;
- (vi) IC Engines and parts;
- (vii) Hand Tools; and
- (viii) Sugar Machinery.