

(a) whether the widows of second world war personnel living in Surat are getting war pension as per the revised rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) No data in respect of World War II widows living in Surat is separately maintained. Statistics of their drawing pensions from Treasuries or Public Sector Banks are, therefore, not available.

Production and Export of Coffee

5898. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA
KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coffee produced during the last two years;

(b) the quantity of coffee exported during 1990-91 along with the names of countries to whom exported;

(c) the target fixed for production of coffee during 1992-93; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of coffee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The estimated production of coffee during 1990-91 was 1,73,000 tonnes. The estimated production for 1991-92 is 2,10,000 tonnes.

(b) A total quantity of 1,00,110 tonnes of coffee was exported during 1990-91 to Norway, Belgium, Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Canada, Greece, France, Yugoslavia, Australia, Portugal, U.S.A., Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, Singapore, Austria, Denmark, Kuwait, Newzealand, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Egypt, Bahrain, Maldives, Jordan, Qatar, Afghanistan, Taiwan, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania.

(c) Production target of coffee during 1992-93 has been tentatively fixed at 1,50,000 tonnes.

(d) In order to increase the production of coffee, it is programmed to cover 25,000 ha. during the 8th Plan period under Intensive Cultivation in the low yielding pockets of small growers sector. Through replanting of old and uneconomical low yielding coffee area with high-yielding varieties like 'Cauvery', it is programmed to cover 20,000 ha. during the 8th Plan period. Apart from this, it is programmed to cover 61,000 ha. under Water Augmentation programme, which will improve the productivity.

[English]

Amendment in National Housing Bank, Act

5899. SHRI SREENIVASA PRASAD:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make certain amendments in the National Housing Bank Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Some proposals have