

(a) the quantity of rubber collected by STC during the last six months;

*(b) the price per kilogram paid to rubber growers;*

(c) whether the Government has given directions to STC to procure more rubber from the open market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) STC has collected from the domestic market a quantity of 14969 MT of natural rubber during the last six months, as on 26.2.92, as under:-

RMA - 5 :	6703 MT
RMA - 4 :	8266 MT
	14969 MT

(b) STC is procuring natural rubber from the domestic market through its four Procurement agencies and it pays to the procurement agencies as under:-

-for RMA - 4 : Rs. 20.95 per kg.

-for RMA - 5 : Rs. 20.45 per kg.

(c) and (d). The Government has directed STC to procure whatever quantities of the specified grades of natural rubber that are offered to it subject to observance of quality specifications.

#### **Cantonment Boards**

1818. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to demarcate the Cantonment Boards

and to replace these with elected bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be effective?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Cantonment Boards are local bodies comprising elected as well as nominated members. There is no proposal to replace these with wholly elected bodies.

#### **Exports to Germany**

1819. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:  
SHRI V. KRISHNAN RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main items being exported to Germany;

(b) whether there has been an increase in exports to Germany during the last year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to further increase the exports during 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The main items of exports from India to Federal Republic of Germany comprise of textiles (including garments), leather and leather products, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, agriculture and food products, gems and jewellery,

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Exports to Germany during the financial year 1990-91 stood at Rs. 2548.82 crores as against Rs. 1994.20 crores in the preceding year (1989-90).