

Reserve Bank of India and the consequent need to make provisions therefore;

(c) In the budget speech, it was mentioned that while making capital contribution to the banks during the year 1993-94, the banks would be required to make specify commitments to ensure a high level of portfolio quality so that their existing problems did not recur.

National Commission on Rural Labour

7972. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a National Commission on Rural Labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. The National Commission on Rural labour was set up in August, 1987 and its Report was submitted on 31.7.1991.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Production and Import of Clove and Cassia

7973. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of cloves and cassia imported during each of the last three-years, country-wise;

(b) whether there is any requirement to get an import licence for import of these items;

(c) whether the prices of these items in our domestic market have been affected by their imports;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the comparative price of these items in the international and domestic markets at present;

(f) the total production of these items during the current year and whether the production is sufficient to meet the domestic demand; and

(g) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to make the country self-reliant in the production of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) a Statement is attached.

(b) Import licences are granted for import of Cloves, Cassia and Cinnamon in accordance with provision laid down in para 30 of the Hand Book of Procedure.

(c) to (g). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.