[English]

## **Export of Steel**

2800. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to whom the steet was exported from India during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof, year-wise and country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b). Year-wise, country-wise details of exports of steel during last three years are given below:

Quantity: Tonnes
FOB value: Rs. million

Country	Exports During						
	1982-8	33	1983-84		1984-85		
	Qty.	Value	Qty	Value	Qty.	Value	
Australia	23 Nos.*	0.09	14 Nos.*	0.06			
China	_				17570	33.26	
Egypt			9776	19.88	19756	49.00	
Hongkong	_				38048	86.52	
Japan	10975	19.99	14613	32.56		_	
Norway	3	0.03					
Phillipines	3	0.05					
Tanzania	19	0.29	24	0.26			
USA	32	0.25					
USSR					78038	175.39	
Vietnam	503 Nos.**	2.23	495 Nos.**	2.85			

<sup>\*</sup>Axles

## Internal Demand and Production of Rubber

2801. SHRI T. BASHEER:
PROF. P. J. KURIEN:
PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of rubber in India during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise;
- (b) the internal demand for rubber during the last three years;
- (c) the shortfall or surplus during the last three years;
- (d) the area presently under rubber cultivation and production per hectare;

- (e) price of rubber in Indian presently;
- (f) the price during the last three years and the price in international market during the same period, year-wise;
- (g) the quantity of rubber imported during the last three years, year-wise and the quantity proposed to be imported now; and
- (h) whether any memorandum had been received in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The production of rubber in India during the last three-years, year-wise and State-wise is as under:

<sup>\*\*</sup>Tyres

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State	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Kerala	1,52,662	1,62,212	1,72,092*
Tamil Nadu	9,700	9,736	10,603*
Karnataka	3,070	2,785	3,095*
Others	418	547	660*
Total	1,65,850	1,75,280	1,86,450

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(b) The internal demand for rubber during the last three years has been as under: (in Rs. per quintal)

<b>\$</b> 1	(In tonnes)
Year	Consumption
1982-83	1,95,545
1983-84	2,09,480
1984-85	2,17,510

(c) Shortfall during the last three years was as follows:

	(Tonnes)
1982-83	30,000
1983-84	34,000
1984-85	31,000

- (d) Area under rubber at the end of 1984-85 is estimated to be 3.20 lakh hectares. and yield per hectare during 1984-85 is estimated at 890 kgs.
- (e) Average price of rubber in India in July 1985 was as follows:

Lot Rubber		Rs.	1692	per	Quintal
RMA-4	_	Rs.	1744	per	Quintal

(f) Average prices of natural rubber in India and international market during the last three years were as follows:

Year	Kottayam Lot Rubber	RMA-4 Ku	alalumpur (Malaysia) RSS-4
1982-83	1409	1440	753
1983-84	1708	1751	1083
1984-85	1587	1655	927

(g) The quantity of rubber imported during the last three years and proposed to be imported now are as follows:

Year	Imported by STC (Tonnes)	
1982-83 -	31659	
1983-84	32175	
1984-85	32408	
1985-86	29000 (Proposed)	

(h) Government have received representations regarding ban on import of natural rubber. From the figures given above, it is evident that production of natural rubber is not commensurate with its demand and, therefore, natural rubber has to be imported to meet the demand supply gap.

## India's participation in International Trade Fair Abroad

2802. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGARHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

<sup>\*</sup>Provisional.