

(b) and (c). During 1982-83, 1983-84 and early part of 1984-85, materials could be despatched to branches as per the demands projected by the branches, in full measure, as the availability was good. However, from the middle of 1984-85, despatches are being made to the branches, generally, on the basis of the best sales done by the branch during last three years after prorating the same to availability. As per the distribution procedure of SAIL, rejected sleeper bars are given to rollers, forging units and agricultural implement manufacturers based on their best off-take from SAIL during 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84, prorated to availability.

It will not be in the commercial interest of the company to divulge names of the customers to whom the materials have been allotted.

(d) and (e). As per the existing distribution policy, rejected sleeper bars are given to rollers, forging units and agricultural implement manufacturers on the basis of their best off-take during the years 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84, prorated to availability.

[English]

#### Quantity of Natural Rubber Imported and Released

2840. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of natural rubber imported and released to users upto July 31, this year; and

(b) the quantity of imported rubber to be released this year after, July 31 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). Opening stock of useable imported natural rubber was 850 tonnes as on 1-6-1985. Out of authorisation for import of further 20,000 tonnes for the period June-August, 1985, S.T.C. has actually imported a quantity of 13,500 tonnes upto 31-7-1985. A further quantity of 6,500 tonnes, which has been delayed due to be bad weather, is expected to arrive any time. Allocation of 20,600 tonnes of imported rubber have been made to actual users upto

31-7-1985 and lifting is expected to be completed during August, 1985.

#### Loans to Farmers of Orissa to Purchase Agriculture Inputs by Nationalised Banks

2841. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of plans being implemented by the nationalised banks to make available loans to farmers, for purchasing Agricultural inputs, cattle and loans to educated persons for setting up their own business/shops in the rural areas of Orissa with details of number of such cases in each category during the last three financial years; and

(b) what action has been taken to increase the funds for assisting purchase of automobiles for transport ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) There are two important Scheme viz. integrated Rural Development Programme and Self employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth for providing loans to poor farmers and educated unemployed youth respectively. Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme the total number of beneficiaries assisted in Orissa during the last three years has been as under :

Year	No. of beneficiaries assisted
1982-83	252453
1983-84	217073
1984-85	213119

The scheme for providing self-employed to unemployed educated youth was started from the year 1983-84. The number of cases sanctioned under this scheme in the State of Orissa is follows :

Year	No. of cases sanctioned
1983-84	6823
1984-85	7599