

activities undertaken by that Corporation since its inception, details thereof;

(b) whether any of the permanent residents from A & N Islands has been taken in its Board of Directors; and

(c) whether red oil palm plantation which has tremendous scope in the Bay Islands, has been suspended for future expansion, if so, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) It is a fact that the A & N Forest Development and Plantation Corporation has been set up for development of wood-based industries, regeneration of forests and raising of commercial plantations. Since its inception, the Corporation has undertaken activities relating to harvesting and regeneration of forests, promotion of forest-based industries and plantation of commercial crops.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Further plantation of red oil palm in the Islands has been permitted over an area of 400 hectares or the area already clearfelled, whichever is less.

Foreign exchange involved in import of software

6861. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) in regard to software for computers for database management or wordprocessing or for similar packages, what foreign exchange has been spent during the period 1980-85;

(b) whether software of class database of word-processing or similar packages have been developed; and

(c) if so, their brand names and where it has been marketed, at what price and foreign exchange earned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPART-

MENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) In regard to software for computers for database management or word processing or for similar packages, foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 1732/- lakhs has been reported to be spent during 1980-85.

(b) Yes, Sir, software of class data base management, word processor or similar packages have been developed on micro processor systems.

(c) Some of the popular brand names of the data base management software developed are IMPRESS, SOFT PRO and SOFT BASE and those of word processing software are SOFT PRO, SOFT WORD, WORDLORD and SHABD-MALA.

The software has been marketed along with the indigenous systems all over the country.

The average price of the data base software on microcomputer systems is about Rs. 2000/- and that for Word Processing software is about Rs. 1200/-

These indigenous products have not yet made a break-through in the overseas market.

Sale of Micro-Computers

6862. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state number of micro-computers and similar small computers sold in the country by the manufacturers of the country during the period 1980-85, year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : The number of Microcomputers and other small computers reported to have been sold during the period 1980-85 are summarised below year-wise :