

Minimum Release Price of Coffee

1693. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) when was the last cost study made with regard to minimum release price (MRP) of coffee ;

(b) whether any representations have been received from coffee growers or from any other body for the reconsideration of the NRP for coffee ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Government intend to make any alternations in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) The last cost study report on coffee was made available by the Ministry of Finance in March, 1986.

(b) and (c). No representation has been received from the coffee growers or any other body for the reconsideration of MRP after the revision of MRP with affect from 24.12.1986.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Revamping of Coffee Board

1694. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received for revamping of the Coffee Board ;

(b) what is the present percentage of representation of coffee growers on the Coffee Board ;

(c) whether Government intend to increase the representation of coffee growers on the Coffee Board ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, 13 out of 33 members are representing growers' interests, which comes to about 39% of the total membership.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. The present composition of the Board provides for a very balanced representation of all interests.

Firing by Pakistan on Indo-Pak Border

1695. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :

SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN :

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of incidents of unprovoked firing by Pakistan on Indo-Pak border during the last one year ; and

(b) whether Government had sent protest notes to the Government of Pakistan in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE : (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) There have been some cases of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, during the last one year. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(b) Matters relating to such incidents are sought to be resolved bilaterally in flag meetings between the local Commanders. Discussion between the two Army HQ's also take place from time to time.