

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A representation from the Northern Indian Textile Mills Association has been received.

(c) No, Sir. The price rise in the main varieties of cotton from February, 87 to July, 87 ranges from 28% to 43%

(d) Government is keeping a careful watch on the situation. Exports of raw cotton have been temporarily suspended so as to augment domestic availability.

#### Area Under Coffee Plantation

4081. DR K G ADIYODI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the area brought under coffee plantation during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the norms prescribed for financial assistance for fertilisers, seeds etc. for small scale growers for new planting and replanting and the amount spent during the last three years;

(c) the additional benefits provided for planting and replanting coffee to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the amount spent during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) The area brought under coffee during the last three years state-wise is as under -

(In hectares)

State	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	Total
(A) Major Coffee Growing States				
1 Karnataka	4948	2973	1034	8955
2 Kerala	4463	1641	1632	7736
3 Tamil Nadu	(—) 348	(—) 768	(—) 993	(—) 2109
4 Andhra Pradesh	47	1660	260	1967
(B) Other States	763	—	178	941
Total	9873	5506	2111	17490

(b) No separate assistance for fertilisers, seeds etc. to the small coffee growers is provided by the Coffee Board as such. However, loan and subsidy is made available for various activities under various schemes of the Coffee Board covering inter-alia input requirements of the growers

The financial assistance provided to small coffee growers for newplanting/replanting during the last three years is:

1984-85	Rs. 168.05 lakhs
1985-86	Rs. 164.00 lakhs
1986-87	Rs. 140.52 lakhs

(c) The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes taking up new planting and replanting are eligible for all the schemes applicable to general category growers. In addition the tribals are eligible to obtain credit from the Coffee Board at differential rate of interest of 4% per annum. The financial assistance given to SC/ST during the last three years is as under:-

1985-86	Rs. 24.36 lakhs
1986-87	Rs. 44.85 lakhs
1987-88	Rs. 51.00 lakhs (Estimated)