

(b) what is the quantity of Copra imported from 1st January to date in 1980 and also during 1979.

(c) have Government received any representation from the Government of Kerala or from any other source requesting for a ban on the import of Copra; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Import of Copra is canalised through State Trading Corporation of India. There is no proposal at present to make imports. Import can, however, be made as replenishment against export of Fatty Acids.

(b) Import statistics are maintained financial Year-wise. In 1979-80, upto June 1979, for which the figures are available so far, the quantity of Copra imported was 452 tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal at present to import Copra except as replenishment against exports.

Export rebate for Handloom made up varieties

7331. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the export rebate for handloom made varieties like bedspreads, table covers, pillow covers, etc., was given originally 15 per cent and then it was reduced to 10 per cent, and against 7½ per cent and to 5 per cent in the current financial budget;

(b) if so, the reasons for the reduction of the rebate to 5 per cent in the current financial budget;

(c) whether he is aware that it would affect the handloom sectors throughout the country; and

(d) does Government propose to allow 7½ per cent rebate as was in the last year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). No export rebate is given on export of handloom made-up varieties. However, on consideration of certain norms, Government grant cash compensatory support on handloom made-ups exports, CCS rate is constantly reviewed and modified where necessary. Present rate of CCS (effective from 1-4-80) for handloom made-up varieties is 5 per cent of the f. o. b. value of export. For the period 1-4-79 to 31-3-80 this rate was 7.5 per cent. Earlier the rate was modulated for General Currency & Rupee payment Areas.

(c) Some representations protesting against reduction in CCS rates have been received.

(d) the present rate is applicable upto 31-12-1980.

सोने के उत्पादन में गिरावट

7332. श्री चतुर्भोज : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले वर्षों की तुलना में सोने के उत्पादन में वर्ष प्रति वर्ष कमी होती जा रही है और यदि हाँ, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) सोने का उत्पादन करने वाली कंपनियों की संख्या कितनी है और सोने की खानों के नाम क्या हैं?

वाणिज्य तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) जी हाँ। देश में पिछले कुछ वर्षों में सोने के उत्पादन में कुछ कमी आई है। यह कमी मुख्यतया भारत गोल्ड माइन्स लिमिटेड के अयस्क ग्रेड में हास होने के कारण हुई है।

(ख) इस समय दो कंपनियाँ-भारत गोल्ड माइन्स लिमिटेड और हट्टी गोल्ड माइन्स कंपनी लिमिटेड--सोने का उत्पादन करती हैं।