

(ग) यह टेलिक्स से संबद्ध है, एक ब्रांच रेल लाइन से जुड़ा है परन्तु राजमार्ग नहीं है। गिरिडीह अभूक का एक महत्वपूर्ण व्यापारिक केन्द्र है।

(घ) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है।

### Import of Rubber

2296. SHRI P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been importing considerable quantity of rubber from other countries; and

(b) if so, the quantity and cost thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Import of rubber is allowed on a review of its demand-supply position.

(b) The quantity and value of rubber imported during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Qty. (tonnes)	CIF Value (Rs. lakhs)
1977-78 . . . .	Nil	—
1978-79 . . . .	25850	3257.62
1979-80 . . . .	21100	2289.83

### Steering Committee for exports through Small Sector

2297. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steering committee for exports through small sector has been recently formed in which no representative of Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (an Apex body of small units) was taken;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to include FASII representative, instead of taking only Officials in big number?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). A compact Steering Committee for Export Promotion in the Small Scale Sector was constituted by the Ministry of Commerce *vide* is Resolution No. 17(20)/80-EPL dated the 4th June, 1980 under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) in pursuance of the recommendations made in the report of Task Force on Small Scale Sector set up by in the Ministry of Commerce in 1978. The Committee consists of representatives of different Ministries and other bodies like the Trade Development Authority, Engineering Export Promotion Council, Federation of Indian Export Organisation and Council of Small Industries Corporation of India. There is no representative of Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India.

It is open to the Steering Committee to invite various voluntary organisations of Small Industries at Central and State levels as also associations of major export oriented industries in small scale sector to represent their views as and when considered necessary.

### Re-constitution of Public Enterprises Selection Board

2298. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Enterprises Selection Board has been reconstituted; if so, who are its members and Chairman at present;

(b) what will be the administrative status of both of this Board and the one already working as coordinating agency-Bureau of Public Enterprises; and