

(b) what are the main demands of the General Insurance Employees' All India Association, which has submitted two detailed memoranda to Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The main demands in the memorandum received from the General Insurance Employees' All India Association are:—

(i) G.I.C. should be directed to manage their reinsurance placements and survey work themselves, instead of handling the work through brokers and surveyors.

(ii) G.I.C. has patronised a private agency known as M/s. J. B. Boda and Co. for arranging "excess of loss" reinsurance treaties and the above firm has taken into its employment influential officers of the General Insurance industry and this should be looked into.

Export of Rice to USSR in Exchange of Crude Oil

3535. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed for a barter agreement to export "75000 tonnes of rice to U.S.S.R.";

(b) the amount of crude to be imported from USSR in exchange of this quantity of rice and the extent to which it will meet India's requirements;

(c) whether this supply of rice is a part of rice supplies in exchange of

1.5 m. tonnes of crude oil or a separate agreement;

(d) if so, how much more rice will be exported to USSR to get 1.5 m. tonnes of crude; and

(e) the extent to which such an export of rice will hike the rice price in India and how Government are considering to maintain price stability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d) In accordance with the Agreement of 19th June, 1980, India is required to supply upto 500,000 tonnes of rice to the U.S.S.R. for the value of 200,000 tonnes of crude oil and 500,000 tonnes of HSD that will be supplied by the U.S.S.S.R. This is a separate agreement.

(e) Instructions have been issued to the approved rice exporting agencies to procure rice for export only from "levy quota" where adequate stocks are available. Since no purchases are being made from the open market, these exports will not have any impact on the prevailing market price.

Quantity of Sugar Exported During Last 5 Years.

3536. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what is the quantity of sugar exported during the last 5 years, the rate at which exported and the foreign exchange earned (year wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): The