

Family Pension

3863. SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: whether the family pension is proposed to be extended to the widows/families of the employees who may not have opted for the family pension or who have retired before 1st July, 1964 when the family pension scheme was not in force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of Government.

Import of Rubber

3864. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much rubber has been imported by Government during the past three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that nearly 20,000 tonnes of synthetic rubber is lying in the godowns of the Synthetic Rubber Factories; and

(c) if so, the reasons for using foreign exchange for importing rubber when the country is short of it; details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The import of natural rubber and synthetic rubber during the past three years is given below:—

(In tonnes)

Year	Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber
1978-79 . .	25,850	10,655
1979-80 . .	21,100	15,755
1980-81 . .	9,250	15,806

(b) Synthetic rubber is at present being produced by M/s. Synthetics and Chemicals Ltd., Bareilly and M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., Baroda. There have been representation from M/s. Synthetics and Chemicals Ltd., who produce Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR), about their stocks being not lifted by the user industry. The accumulation at the beginning of July, 1981 with this company was 5,500 tonnes. It has been reported that due to reduction in price effected by the company, the off-take has considerably increased and it is expected that the abnormal stock position with the company will ease very soon.

As regards M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., who produce Poly Butadiene Rubber (PBR), the stock lying with them now is around 2,000 tonnes and they do not have any marketing constraint.

(c) The indigenous demand for natural rubber and synthetic rubber has been higher than the domestic production and to meet the gap between domestic demand and production imports are allowed to the extent considered necessary.

Income Tax Raids

3865. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER
JAIN:

SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many raids were conducted by the Income-tax Department in search for tax evaded income and wealth from January, 1981 till now;

(b) names, addresses, designations and particulars of those persons who evaded income-tax and wealth-tax amounting to more than Rupees Twenty Lakhs;

(c) what follow-up action, if any, is being taken in this regard; and

(d) are any criminal cases instituted against them?