

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) In the Capital, retired J.C.Os. and Hony. Commissioned Officers of the Army are getting their pensions only from the post offices. While the JOCs can draw their pension on quarterly basis, the Hony. Commissioned Officers can draw pension on monthly basis, if they so desire.

(b) and (c). A high level committee is, at present, examining the procedure for payment of pensions among other things. In doing so, it is also examining, among other means of payment, the possibility of having pensions paid through banks.

Import of Coconut Oil

4301. SHRI B. K. NAIR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the import of coconut oil during the past three years including the quantities, the prices paid, the total amount involved and sale price and particulars of the agencies concerned;

(b) whether an assessment has been made as to the total loss incurred by cultivators of coconut in Kerala due to the fall in price resulting from the imports;

(c) the results and finding thereof; and

(d) if not, whether any such study is proposed to be made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Import of coconut oil has been canalised through the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. during the past three years. The canalising agency has not made any import so far. However, there have been some imports on private account. Import

statistics are not maintained firm-wise, but total quantity and the value imported during 1978-79 to 1980-81 (upto January 1981) as available, were as under :

Year	Quantity (Thousand Kgs.)	Value (Rs. lakhs)	Average unit value (Rs. per Kg.)
1978-79	3793	234.45	6.20
1979-80	—	—	—
1980-81 (upto Jan. 81)	1735	90.28	5.20

Government have no information about the price at which the imported material was sold.

(b) and (c). Government are not aware of any loss or fall in prices having resulted from the imports.

(d) It is not necessary.

Aid to Nepal

4302. SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

The amount of total aid rendered by India to Nepal and other developing countries during the last 3 years ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

News-Item Captioned—"O. T. Curbs affect Customer Service"

4303. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) has Government's attention been drawn to the news-item published