

(d) whether Government consider it desirable to set up small and medium industries based on rubber in and around rubber growing areas; and

(e) the specific projects for the expansion of the rubber cultivation during the current Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Under its Rubber Plantation Development Scheme, the Rubber Board provides the following incentives to the rubber growers both in the traditional and non-traditional areas for encouraging new planting and replanting of rubber :—

- (i) Cash subsidy @ Rs. 5000 and Rs. 3000 per hectare for small growers and large growers respectively;
- (ii) Input subsidies, fertiliser subsidy and soil conservation for growers owning upto six hectares;
- (iii) Interest Subsidy @ 3% on loans availed of under NABARD's Programme;
- (iv) Free Extension Advisory Support in all growers at all stages of planting and maintenance.

The Rubber Board also gives training in modern methods of cultivation, production and processing of rubber to persons deputed by the Rubber growing units from non-traditional areas. Rubber tapping demonstrators are also deputed by the Board to non-traditional areas to impart training to workers engaged in tapping and processing of rubber. State Govt. agencies are also involved in

rubber plantation development in non traditional areas.

(d) While availability of rubber in vicinity in an advantage, location of rubber based industries would depend also on availability of other raw materials, infrastructure and markets.

(e) The main project for the expansion of rubber cultivation during the current Plan is the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme of the Rubber Board with a target of 30,000 hectares. The State Governments are also involved in expansion of rubber cultivation.

Views Expressed by Group of "77" about UNCTAD Results

4252. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA :

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Group of 77 representing the developing world has voiced its deep disappointment at the "meagre results" of UNCTAD held recently at Belgrade;

(b) if so, whether Government is in agreement with the views expressed by the Group of 77; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.