

that computers are especially important in the essential role technology has to play in reducing disparities between the rich and the poor countries.

(b) In view of the availability of a large number of technical personnel at comparatively lower wages in India, there is, in principle, good potential for the development of computer software for export. Successful software export does not depend on this factor alone and there are other organisational features to be met. Government sometime back took a decision to allow the import of computers under certain conditions to promote the growth of export-oriented software generation activities.

Detention of Ex-M.L.A. and Ex-M.P. without trial

7653. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dr. Golan Yazdani, Ex-M.L.A. and Syed Badrudduja, Ex-M.P. of West Bengal are being detained still without trial under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in prosecuting them in a Court of Law ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Inquiries in regard to the involvement of Shri Syed Badrudduja and Dr. Gholam Yazdani in espionage activities for Pakistan are still in progress. They have been, however, detained, with a view to preventing them from acting in a manner prejudicial to the security of India, and reference made in that connection to the advisory board, in accordance with the provisions of Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971. The advisory Board has reported that there is in its opinion sufficient cause for their detention.

Crisis in Coffee Industry

7654. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARAYYA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for coffee in the international market has fallen steeply creat-

ing a crisis for the India coffee industry ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to help the industry in the crisis ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Coffee to Latin American and African Countries

7655. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARAYYA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ever explored the possibility of exporting Coffee to Latin American or African countries ; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). There is no question of exploring the possibility of exporting coffee to Latin American or African countries as these countries themselves are the leading exporters of coffee.

Export of Surplus Raw Rubber and Rubber manufactured Goods

7656. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARAYYA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are studying the possibilities of exporting surplus raw rubber ;

(b) whether Government have got any response from any country which normally purchases rubber from Malaysia ;

(c) if so, the particulars thereof ;

(d) whether Government have any plan to export rubber manufactured goods ; and

(e) if so, the broad outlines of the Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). The Government has recently been exploring the