

(c) A number of State Governments have been suggesting from time to time to write off "unproductive loans" given to them by the Central Government and/or rescheduling of their debt liability to the Central Government. The question of repayment of loans granted to the various States by the Central Government has since been referred to the Sixth Finance Commission.

Shipment of raw Cashew from East African Countries to India

4566. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount in foreign exchange spent by the Cashew Corporation of India for shipping raw cashew from East African countries to India in 1970-71 and 1971-72; and

(b) the Shipping Companies engaged for the purpose by the Cashew Corporation of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The amount spent in foreign exchange by the Cashew Corporation of India for shipping is:

1970-71	£ stg.	394,365
1971-72	£ stg.	1,012,952

Net foreign exchange expenditure for 1971-72 after taking over age premium recovered from the shipping companies;

£ Stg.	989,206
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(b) 1970-71:

- (1) General Traders Ltd., Bermuda.
- (2) Holland-Africa Line Agency (Tanzania) Ltd.
- (3) Red Anchor Line, Hongkong.
- (4) D.S.R. Lines, G.D.R.
- (5) British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.
- (6) Bank Lines Ltd., London.

1971-72:

General Traders Ltd., Bermuda.

The fixtures were finalised on the basis of most competitive terms in consultation with the Chief Controller of Chartering in India and is 18 per cent lower than the rate prevailing prior to the canalisation of the cashew imports.

Meeting of Coir Board regarding payment of bonus

4567. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coir Board at its meeting held on the 16th June, 1971 decided to pay bonus to its employees and approached the Ministry for financial sanction; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Government's borrowings from the Reserve Bank

4568. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news story which appeared in the 'Statesman' dated the 21st November, 1972 under the caption "Bank figures do not bear out Chavan's claim"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This news item in the 'Statesman' was based on a confusion between total net bank credit to Government and net Reserve Bank credit to