GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1882 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2007 PRODUCTION OF COFFEE Ponnuswamy Shri E.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual coffee production and consumption in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether big industrial houses are buying coffee at a very low price and selling it at high price to urban customers; and

(c) if so, the action taken to stop the exploitation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The details of annual coffee production and consumption for the last three years are as under:

(in MT) Year Production Domestic Consumption

2003-04 2,70,500 70,000 2004-05 2,75,500 75,000 2005-06 2,74,000 80,200

(b) & (c) No such report has come to the knowledge of the Government. of India.