

1998 was 12676 pieces only. Looking to the low volume of import of used/retreaded tyres there would have been no significant impact of the same on the price of natural rubber in the country.

Export/Import of Foodgrains

3518. SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of foodgrains imported and exported with its price during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the foreign exchange earned/incurred therein;

(c) whether the price of foodgrains exported is less than the cost fixed by the Food Corporation of India in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) The total quantity and value of foodgrains imported and exported during the last three years are as under:

IMPORTS

Qty : MT

Value (V) : Rs. Crores

Unit Cost (UC) : Rs./KG

	1995-96			1996-97			1997-98(P)		
	Qty.	Value	UC	Qty.	Value	UC	Qty.	Value	UC
Wheat	8240	10.39	12.60	612676	403.76	6.59	1344546	970.96	7.22
Non Basmati Rice	80	0.05	6.25	2	0.02	100	77	0.07	9.00
Coarse Grams	1041	0.24	2.30	1955	0.50	2.56	965	0.37	3.83
Pulses	490754	685.57	13.97	654908	890.34	13.59	659396	833.64	12.64

EXPORTS

Qty. : MT

Value (V) : Rs. Crores

Unit Realisation (UR) : Rs./KG

	1995-96			1996-97			1997-98(P)		
	Qty.	Value	UR	Qty.	Value	UR	Qty.	Value	UR
Wheat	632468	366.76	5.80	1145898	698.45	6.10	1561	0.42	2.69
Basmati Rice	373314	850.67	22.79	523157	1247.64	23.85	581891	1674.35	28.78
Non-Basmati Rice	4540699	3717.41	8.19	1989040	1924.72	9.68	17221798	1600.38	9.29
Coarse Grain	28097	16.97	6.04	71042	48.65	8.85	14916	13.24	8.88
Pulses	61355	131.81	21.48	55216	131.58	23.83	160183	354.74	22.15

(P) : Provisional

Country-wise details of exports are given in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) It is not possible to accurately compare the prices prevailing in the international markets and the cost fixed by Food Corporation of India/domestic markets on account of the different varieties traded, variations in grading and packaging for exports.

[Translation]

Industrial Development

3519. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV
(JAHANABAD) :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of progress made by the country in the field of industrial development during the last three years;