

(b) if so, the time by which it will be done;

(c) whether Government also propose to put newsprint import under OGL and distribute it through STC to publishers of newspapers, and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P UPENDRA) (a) and (b) Government do not exercise any statutory control over the price of indigenous newsprint. It has been the endeavour to improve quality wherever feasible.

(c) No decision has been taken to put newsprint import under O G L. State Trading Corporation is now the canalising agency which imports and distributes newsprint.

(d) Does not arise.

ADB's Aid to Indian Industry

8284 **SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has identified five new areas of opportunity for Indian industry to participate in ADB funded projects,

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) to what extent, it will help in increasing the production in the Indian industry, and

(d) the total amount of finance provided/proposed to be given to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Price of Rubber

8285. **SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:**
SHRI G S BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern India Rubber Goods Manufacturers Association has expressed concern at the high price of rubber;

(b) if so, whether the association has submitted any representation in this regard, and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) to (c). The Government has not received any representation from the Northern India Rubber Goods Manufacturers Association.

However, the Government is already taking adequate steps to ensure regular supply of rubber to the consuming industry at a reasonable rate, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of the rubber growers.

Import of Tea

8286. **SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to import tea to meet the domestic demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?