

**Inclusion of Cardamom Plantations in the Priority Sector**

\*412. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to include cardamom plantations in the priority sector for the purpose of bank financing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Medium and long term development Loans for all plantation crops including cardamom plantations are already treated as priority sector advances.

(b) Does not arise.

**Ratio of Government Revenue and Taxes**

\*415. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the collections of wealth tax, gift tax and estate duty (abolished in this year's budget) constituted just half per cent of the total revenue collected by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the year 1983 under each head;

(c) whether the cost of collection is more than the revenue collected; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider abolition of the wealth tax and gift tax also which have remained unproductive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Financial Year 1983-84, out of total revenue of Rs. 25738.18 crores, the collections from wealth-tax, gift-tax and estate duty amounted respectively to Rs. 93.31, Rs. 8.84 and Rs. 26.46 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Production target of E.C.L.**

\*416. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES

AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Eastern Coalfields Ltd. has fallen short of the production target;

(b) if so, by how much; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to increase the production ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). The coal production target and actual production in ECL for the year 1984-85 is given below :

(In million tonnes).

Target for 1984-85	Actual production in 1984-85 (provisional)	Shortfall against target
25.10	23.11	(—) 1.99

(c) Several steps have been taken to increase coal production which include improving infrastructural facilities, sanctioning of new mines, improving productivity of men and machinery and controlling absenteeism.

**Clearance of Proposal of Nabard for Opening of Regional Rural Banks**

\*417. SHRI N. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Steering Committee of NABARD have cleared the proposal for establishment of Regional Rural Banks in East Godavari and West Godavari, Nizamabad, Rangareddy and Krishna sponsored by Andhra Bank, State Bank of Hyderabad and Indian Bank which had already been cleared by the Ministry of Finance;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have also sanctioned release of the State's share of the share capital contribution in respect of the above Regional Rural Banks;

(c) whether Union Government have issued orders notifying the establishment of the Regional Rural Banks ;

(d) if so, their location and headquarters and area of operation;

(e) if not, the reasons for delay; and