

MR. SPEAKER: He is asking about the rubber price.

SHRI. J. VENGAL RAO: The rubber price is increasing in Kerala also.

SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL : For the last six years, rubber is the only agricultural commodity which is maintaining a steady price.

Development of Ship Container Industry

*719 SHRI SOMNATH RATH†:
SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singapore has offered technology and equity for the development of ship container industry; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it has come to the notice of the Government through Press reports that Singapore has offered technology and equity for the development of ship container industry I would also like to know as to what steps the Government has taken for the development of ship container industry.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, there are already seven existing units manufacturing these containers. Two applications are pending with us. I think this is sufficient for the domestic and export markets.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH: I will put my second supplementary. The answer is not

clear . I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether we are self-sufficient as far as this ship container industry is concerned. If not, what is the demand and how the demand is going to be met by the Government and the Industry -whether it is through the Public Sector or the Private Sector?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: No demand has been assessed by our Ministry , But we are exporting to the main countries like the USSR, the UK, the USA , Hong Kong, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, China etc. Therefore, our domestic requirement is also met by our manufacturers.

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether this ship container industry in this country needs certain improvements regarding technology as well as equity. and if so, whether the Government have any proposal to develop the ship container industry and what is the amount allotted during the year 1988-89 to improve the industry?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: All the ship container industries are having collaborations. Their collaboration is also over . They have developed that.

Capacity and requirement of Fabricated Railway Points and Crossings

*722. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH†:
SHRI MADAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity for manufacture of fabricated railway points and crossings in public sector units and large, medium and SSI units in private sector;

(b) the average annual requirement of the fabricated railway points and crossings by the Indian Railways;

(c) the number of applications pending grant of letters of intent/industrial licences for this industry; and