

एक माननीय सभ्यः : कब कहेंगे ?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह : जन काम होगा तो आप को पता चल जायगा ।

Rubber Plantation in Kerala

SHRI NATH PAI : In spite of the many protests repeated here by the hon. Minister, the conclusion is irresistible that this Government is discriminating against small papers be it through newsprint quota or be it through the taxation policy of his senior colleague. They are slowly seeing, for reasons best known to themselves, that the small and medium newspapers are slowly driven to death. He will again protest and I do not expect a reply from him. In view of the fact that nearly 16 per cent of the quota for the big newspapers was saved last year as a result of the strike which continued for 59 days during which the total impotence of this Government was exhibited for the whole nation to see, will the Government take into consideration while allotting their quota for this year the fact that there was a saving of about 16-17 per cent of the quota which was made available to them?

*424. SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the programme, if any drawn up for the development of the rubber plantations in Kerala under the Fourth Five Year Plan' indicating the outlays for each scheme under the programme and the targets of production of natural rubber to be achieved thereunder;

(b) the assistance proposed to be given by Government for its implementation;

(c) whether in view of the acute shortage of rubber in the country, Government have any scheme for giving special aid or incentives for expansion or development of rubber plantations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (d). Under the Fourth Five Year Plan, programmes have been drawn up for the development of rubber plantations on an all India basis including Kerala State. The target proposed for production of natural rubber at the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan period 1973-74 is 1,25,000 tonnes. The Rubber Board has proposed various programmes and outlays. The matter is under consideration

SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA : We shall take that into consideration; I have already said so. We shall keep this in view when we make allotment for 1969-70.

श्री सु० कु० तापड़िया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस विषय पर कुछ प्रश्न और उन के माननीय मंत्री जी द्वारा दिए गए उत्तर सुन कर मेरे मन में भी कुछ भ्रम हो गया और मन्त्री महोदय से मैं यह जानना चाहूँगा कि क्या हमारे देश में कोई ऐसा कानून है कि जो समाचारपत्रों को सप्लीमेंट छापने में या उस में अधिक निज्ञापन लेने या उस के द्वारा मुनाफा कमाने से रोकना है ? यदि ऐसा कानून और व्यवस्था है कि जो रोकता है तो आप बताने की कृपा करें ।

Expansion of Electronics Industry

*425. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend certain facilities to entrepreneurs to expand their capacity in the electronics industry and to instal new plants for the manufacture of electronic components; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह : कानूनी व्यवस्था तो इस के सम्बन्ध में कुछ है नहीं ।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L.N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, sir. Certain facilities are being extended to entrepreneurs to expand their capacity in the electronics industry and to instal new plant