

(c) whether it is a fact that stock of natural rubber produced in the country has accumulated; and

(d) if so, the reasons for issuing import licences?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi): (a) and (b). 83 licences allowing import of about 6100 tonnes of rubber have been issued during the period October, 1966 to March, 1967.

(c) No, Sir. A comparative statement indicating the monthwise stock position of rubber in 1965 and 1966 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No LT-173/67]. It will be seen that the stocks of rubber during 1966 were more or less at par with those in the corresponding months of 1965.

(d) Does not arise.

Exports

- *188. Shri Umanath:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
Shri P. Gopalan:
Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri V. Vishwanatha Menon:
Shri K. M. Abraham:
Shri P. P. Esthose:
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri Onkar Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports have gone down since devaluation, contrary to expectation;

(b) if so, the main items of export in which the fall has been registered and the extent of the fall;

(c) the reasons for the fall; and

(d) the steps taken to retrieve the position?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) (c) and (d): A statement showing the reasons for fall in exports and steps taken to

retrieve the position is laid on the Table of the House (Statement I). [Placed in Library. See No LT-171/67].

(b) Another statement showing the increase and decrease in the principle items of exports during June—December, 1966 as compared to the corresponding period of 1965 is laid on the Table of the House (Statement II). [Placed in Library. See No LT-175/67]

Production of Cars and Scooters

- *189. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output of cars and scooters has considerably gone down in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir. The production of cars and scooters has been steady going up from year to year.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Delegation of Export Promotion Experts from U.N.

*190 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of export promotion experts sponsored by the U.N. visited India recently;

(b) if so, the number of factories visited by it; and

(c) the suggestions made by the delegation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) A seven-man U.N. Team on Export Production visited India for a period of five weeks from