

(e) Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council have envisaged a target of Rs.250 cores during the year 1992-93.

[English]

Rice Deal With Cuba

9577. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed rice deal with Cuba has since been put off; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of output by Agricultural and Allied Units

9578. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to allow agricultural and allied units set up under export processing zones and export oriented outs to sell 50 per cent of their output in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom; and

(d) the advantages or concessions proposed to be provided by the Government to such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHI-

DAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

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

Taking up of Jobs Abroad by Defence Officers

9579. SHRI IARIT BARAN TOPDAR: DR. RAJAGOPALAN SRIDHARAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Govt. allow the defence officials incharge of sensitive projects to take up jobs in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of such persons who were allowed to take jobs in foreign countries during the last three years;

(c) whether some officials have expressed their desire to take up job in foreign countries in near futthre;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to prevent such important Defence officials from going outside the country in view of national security; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Maintenance of N.H. No.31-A in Sikkim

9580. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stretch of National Highway No. 31 -A from Rangpo to Rorathang in Sikkim is in dilapidated condition; and