

the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the last several years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). It has been the endeavour of the Government to include representatives of Scheduled Castes/Tribes among the non-official Directors nominated on the Boards of the nationalised banks. Such representatives were functioning as Directors on Boards of most of the Nationalised Banks until they, alongwith other non-official directors, ceased to hold office after completion of three years terms since January, 1985. The resultant vacancies have not yet been filled. The process of selecting suitable persons for such vacancies is underway. At present among the non-official Directors whose terms are not yet over, there is a Director on the Board of Vijaya Bank who belongs to a Scheduled Caste.

Falling Drug Export

2878. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of drug companies which are going to set up drug companies abroad;

(b) whether Government will lose a huge amount of foreign exchange in the fall of drug export due to shifting of units abroad; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Government have accorded permission under FERA to the following Indian Companies to set up Joint Ventures abroad which are still reported to be under implementation.

Nigeria

1. M/s. Raptakos Brett and Co. Limited, Bombay.

2. M/s. Unique Pharmaceuticals Laboratories (P) Ltd. Bombay.

3. M/s. United Chemolide Industries P. Ltd. Bombay.

Malaysia

4. M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., New Delhi.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not apply.

Funds for Development of Rubber Plantation

2881. SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL :
DR. K. G. ADIYODI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total outlay in the Seventh Five Year Plan for development of rubber plantation;

(b) whether Government propose to provide at least Rs. 150 crores for the rubber development scheme in view of the importance of natural rubber and loss of foreign exchange for importing rubber;

(c) rubber planting being more labour oriented and considering the unemployment problem of our country, whether Government propose to provide more funds for the development of rubber plantation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (d). As against an actual expenditure of Rs. 32.10 crores incurred during the Sixth Plan period the Seventh Plan allocation has been tentatively put at Rs. 53.43 crores, which is an increase of 66.4% over the 6th plan actual expenditure. No State-wise allocations are made.

[Translation]

Special Allowance to Regional Rural Banks Employees Working in Tribal Areas

2882. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :