

Quantity of Rice Exported to West Asian Countries

7868. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice exported to West Asian countries during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have stopped to import rice from our country now;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to catch this market again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAIG): (a) Export of rice to West Asian countries during 1977-78 was 7,600 tonnes. Export of rice during April 1978 to February 1979 has been provisionally worked out to be 55,800 tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

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

Constitution of Expert Committee by SBI for Establishment of Regional Office at Gauhati and Silchar

7869. SHRIMATI RASHIDA HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert Committee was constituted by the State Bank of India for establishment of a regional office at Gauhati and another at Silchar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) and (b). No such Expert Committee was constituted by the State Bank of India. But for administrative reasons the bank has decided to establish its Regional Office at Gauhati.

Extension of trade between India and G.D.R.

7871. SHRI NATHU SINGH:

SHRI BAGUN SUMBRUI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations for extension of trade and finalisation of agreements are going on between India and the GDR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAIG): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में चाय की खेती

7872. श्री सुभाष झुजा : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक प्रति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चाय बोर्ड का विचार मध्य प्रदेश के बेतुल जिले में चाय की खेती करने का है ;