

### Loans to Corporate Sector

3559. SHRI JUNG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :  
SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the corporate sector companies which have borrowed more than Rs. 500 crore from Indian Banks and Financial Institutions as on April 1, 1998;

(b) the Government liabilities pending against the above mentioned corporate sector companies, like excise, customs, incom-tax etc.; and

(c) the total amount of borrowings as well as the total amount of liabilities against each such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the Rules.

### Expansion of Trade with Other Countries

3560. SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries which have shown keen interest to expand trade with India;

(b) whether the Government have received any business proposals from those countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) Generally, all countries have shown interest in expanding trade ties with India. However, special thrust is being given by us to expansion of trade relations with Latin American countries, CIS and Africa.

(b) and (c) Normally business proposals are received directly by Indian business-enterprises who interest directly with their counterparts abroad;

### Price of Rubber

3561. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the price of natural rubber in countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand has come down during the last two years;

(b) the details of price situation in these countries during these years, month-wise;

(c) whether the fluctuation in prices in these countries has affected the domestic price of natural rubber;

(d) the cost of production of rubber in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and India during the above period month-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to save Indian farmers from fall in price?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. the price of Natural Rubber has come down in Malaysia in the last two years.

Monthly average price of Natural Rubber in Indonesia and Thailand are available. The same in respect of Malaysia during the last two years month-wise is given below :

	(Rs. in quintal)			
	RSS-3	RSS-4	RSS-5	SMR-20
January'96	5379	5274	5204	5577
February'96	5500	5393	5321	5500
March'96	5162	5061	4994	5042
April'96	4788	4666	4619	4475
May'96	4932	4823	4755	4429
June'96	4912	4796	4727	4219
July'96	4545	4426	4357	4219
August'96	4409	4290	4220	4261
September'96	4432	4313	4243	4387
October'96	4236	4122	4052	4305
November'96	4467	4336	4266	4385
December'96	4406	4261	4190	4362
January'97	4327	4176	4105	4341
February'97	4306	4155	4083	4291
March'97	4343	4191	4119	4221
April'97	4086	3935	3863	3909
May'97	3920	3770	3698	3727
June'97	3933	3783	3712	3669
July'97	3314	3168	3084	3338
August'97	3256	3118	3052	3275
September'97	3127	3000	2939	3157
October'97	3091	2976	2920	3142
November'97	3026	2910	2856	3113
December'97	2637	2527	2475	2820