

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expansion of Rubber Plantations in Orissa

*272. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Orissa where rubber plantation has been taken up;

(b) whether the Rubber Board has given favourable report regarding expansion of rubber plantation in some other districts;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Rubber Board in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to undertake rubber plantation in those districts?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) to (d). The Rubber Board has recommended rubber plantation development in Orissa mainly in the uplands of six districts namely Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Puri and Ganjam. Expansion of rubber cultivation to districts other than these six districts is not favoured on account of inadequacy of rainfall and prevalence of prolonged dry season which adversely affects the growth and yield of rubber. However, rubber has been planted in some patches in Koraput, Phulbani, Kalahandi and Keonjhar districts also in addition to the six districts mentioned above.

Companies in Export Processing Zones

*273. CH. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 100 percent foreign owned companies in Export Processing Zones that have been allowed to sell their products in the domestic market:

(b) whether these companies are allowed to remit all their profits; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) According to the information available, three 100% foreign owned companies in Export Processing Zones have been allowed to sell their products in the domestic market.

(b) and (c). Repatriation of profits, dividends etc. is allowed in accordance with the details furnished by the zone units in their project applications and approved by the Government of India.

Study on Development of Sea-Beaches of Karnataka

*274. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTANARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government had deputed a study team to Karnataka in 1987 to study the development of sea-beaches in the west coastal region;

(b) whether the study team has recommended some places in that state for being developed as beach resorts for the purpose of attracting both domestic and foreign tourists;

(c) if so, the details of the proposed beach resorts; and

(d) the steps taken to develop them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.