

(c) Buffer stock for each of these agricultural products is not maintained.

(d) and (e). In the case of agricultural products, the export is allowed after taking into view that it should not have any impact on the internal supply position and prices in the country.

(f) Consistent with meeting the indigenous demand for agricultural products at reasonable prices, Government propose to increase their export keeping in view the pace of increase of their production.

Rubber production in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR;
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SHRI VISWANATHA MENON:
SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA:
SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB BURMAN:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI NEGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI:
SHRIMATI RAJINDER KAUR:
SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN MONDAL:
SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN:
SHRIMATI PRATIMA BOSE:
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state;

(a) what is the acreage of land under rubber cultivation in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) what is the annual production of rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to modernise the rubber production process in the Islands; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) The total extent of land under rubber cultivation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is 988.45 hectares.

(b) The year-wise production of rubber in the Islands during 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 was 59 tonnes, 67 tonnes and 108 tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d). Rubber production is undertaken on modern lines in 3 estates in the Islands. In the two Government controlled estates, production is being increased by stages in order to attain full capacity within the next one year. Establishment of modern processing factories in the estates of the Islands is receiving attention.

Export of sports goods to the African and other Countries

951. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI NATHI SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those African and Gulf countries, countries in Middle East and South East Asia and Japan to which sports goods have been exported during the last three years alongwith the country-wise and year-wise figures showing value of the sports goods exported to these countries.

(b) whether Government propose to take further steps to promote and boost export of sports goods to the countries mentioned in part (a) above; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.