

India Limited (including its sub-diaries) Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. etc.

(c) Various steps have been taken and are being taken from time to time to improve the profitability of the public undertakings as detailed below:

- (i) Improvement of capacity utilisation,
- (ii) Debottlenecking various phases of operation,
- (iii) Provision of balancing facilities for better utilisation of existing equipment,
- (iv) Provision of captive power to ensure smooth energy supply in selected industries,
- (v) Improvement in industrial relations,
- (vi) Improved production planning and control techniques,
- (vii) Introduction of incentive schemes,
- (viii) Periodical review of performance against budget targets at the level of administrative Ministries,
- (ix) Improvement of inventory control practice, and
- (x) Modernisation and diversification etc.

\*419. [Transferred to the 20th December, 1978]

#### LLC. Housing Projects

\*420. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:  
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:  
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of housing projects undertaken by the Life Insurance Corporation of India during the last three years;
- (b) the expenditure incurred by the Corporation on the purchase of land and construction including the expen-

diture on the staff pertaining to these projects;

(c) the amount received by the Corporation from the sale of the houses built under these projects; and

(d) the amount of profit earned or loss incurred by the Corporation in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Two.

(b) Kanpur Project—Rs. 31.72 lakhs; Hyderabad Project—Rs. 51.75 lakhs.

(c) No sales have taken place. JS construction is still under way.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Shortage of Rubber

\*420-A. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH;

SHRI T ANJIAH.

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

(a) whether there is any shortage of rubber in the country; if so, since when;

(b) whether Government are aware that their indecision to import rubber has led to nearly 40 per cent increase in the prices of imported rubber; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in arriving at a decision to import rubber?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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