

4. Scheme for supply of Equipment and Machinery on Hire Purchase Terms.—

Under this scheme essential items of estate equipment and machinery are made available to coffee growers on hire purchase terms.

5. Replanting Loan Scheme.—Under this scheme, long-term loans are given to coffee growers to help them undertake a regular programme of replanting, to replace aged, uneconomic coffee plants with high yielding disease resistant plant materials. The scheme is open to all registered growers, regardless of the acreage of their holding. Loans are advanced at Rs. 3,000/- per acre, the amount being paid in 4 annual instalments, to be repaid in 7 annual instalments commencing from the 5th year. The replanting loan scheme in so far as it applies to small growers is treated as a loan-cum-subsidy scheme and accordingly a loan of Rs. 2,250/- and a subsidy of Rs. 750/- per acre is granted to them.

Leather exports

*387. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :

SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-VIYA :

SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what was the target fixed for 1972-73 for the export of leather and finished leather goods and what was the value of actual exports of these commodities during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : The target fixed for 1972-73 for the export of leather and finished leather goods including leather footwear was Rs. 97.50 crores and the actual value of exports was Rs. 187.12 crores.

Slow-down of Jute purchase by mills

*388. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether mills in various parts of West Bengal have slowed down their purchase of raw-jute ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the industry has demanded stepping up of the export of jute ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) :

(a) yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason has been the closure of the majority of jute mills on account of a strike in the industry and the credit squeeze.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Drawal from the International Monetary Fund

*389. SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAG-GARLAMUDI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has decided to draw upon the International Monetary Fund consequent upon the increase in the cost of crude and petroleum imports ;