

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c) A statement containing the required information is enclosed.

STATEMENT

As a result of the bumper coffee crop in 1970-71, the planters may experience difficulties regarding payments on coffee delivered by them to the Coffee Board. The payments made and arranged to be made so far on this crop amount to Rs. 3/- per point as against the basic reserve price of Rs. 3.10 per point. Out of a total quantity of 1,09,251 tonnes received into the pool from this crop, 69,775 tonnes have already been disposed of as on 1st November, 1971 leaving a balance stock of 39,476 tonnes. Out of this balance stock, a quantity of 14,736 tonnes is yet to be sold for export against an allocation of 53,000 tonnes fixed for export by the Board. It is proposed that the balance of 23,740 tonnes will be utilised for releases in internal market during November and December, 1971 and for carry-over to 1972.

BRITISH ENTRY INTO E.C.M.

66. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYANARAYANA :

SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

KUMARI SHANTA VASISHT :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE, विदेशी व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 153 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1971 regarding British entry into the European Common Market and state the steps taken to safe-guard the country's in the matter of foreign trade in consultation with the negotiating States.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : We are continuing with our efforts to secure greater access for our

products to the European Common Market. We have also been impressing upon both U. K. and E.E.C. the need for their taking measures to safeguard the markets for all Indian products for which conditions of access might deteriorate following UK's Membership of the Common Market.

WARNING REGARDING TIDAL WAVES IN ORISSA

67. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYANARAYANA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER/सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether any warning had been given to the Coastal areas of Orissa regarding the tidal wave which hit the area on October, 29, 1971; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the loss caused by the tidal wave and the help given to Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER/सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) :

(a) The India Meteorological Department issued warning of a cyclonic storm expected to affect the coastal districts of West Bengal and North Orissa by high priority telegram to the Chief Secretary, Orissa Government and the district Collectors of Balasore and Cuttack at 12.20 hours (I.S.T.) on October 29 and to All-India Radio, Cuttack and Sambalpur at 16.30 hours (I.S.I.) on October 29.

(b) The assessment of the damage caused by the cyclone is being done by the State Government. According to preliminary reports an area of 2.5 lakh was affected of which cropped area was 30 to 50 percent. The loss of life is estimated between 9000 and 10,000. About 7 lakhs thatched huts collapsed.

The Army helped in the relief operations. The Central Government sent some planes for air dropping of food for the areas not accessible by roads. An amount of