GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4052 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2020

SHIFTING RUBBER BOARD HEAD OFFICE

4052. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are apprehensions that the Government is planning to shift the head office of the Rubber Board from Kerala to some other place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has recently reduced the staff strength of the Rubber Board and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the number of regional offices and field offices functioning across the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has any details on the number of employees shifted from the head office to other offices and if so, the details thereof during the last five years, yearwise?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल) THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir.
- **(c):** In pursuance of direction of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, decision was taken to restructure the Commodity Boards including Rubber Board, in order to reduce the establishment/operational expenditure and to ensure the smooth and effective functioning of the Boards.
- (d) & (e): There are 45 Regional Offices and 152 Field Offices of Rubber Board functioning across the country.
- **(f):** As per norms for Transfer and Postings of officials of Rubber Board, the following number of employees were shifted/transferred from Head Office to other Offices during the last five years:

Year	Transferred from Head Office
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2014-15	49
2015-16	64
2016-17	34
2017-18	44
2018-19	39
