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**ANNUAL
REPORT**



The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited

Registered Office: Kottayam-4

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BUILDING No. KMC. V 381-B, WARD No. V

MUTTAMBALAM, KOTTAYAM-4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Shri. M. M. Jacob (Chairman)
2. „ R. Ravindran (with effect from 27-12-1975)
3. „ C. P. Kunhalikkutti Keyi „
4. „ P. K. Narayanan Nambiar „
5. „ N. Hemachandran „
6. „ Paul P. Manvettom „
7. Prof. K. M. Chandy (Chairman, Rubber Board)
8. Shri. P. G. Muralidharan, I.A.S.
9. „ P. T. Devassy, I.F.S.
10. „ S. Gopalan, I.A.S.
11. Smt. Sarala Gopalan, I.A.S. (with effect from 14-1-1976)
12. Shri. C. K. K. Panicker, I.A.S.
13. „ R. Ravindran (Managing Director, with effect from 20-8-1976)

BANKERS

1. State Bank of Travancore
2. Indian Overseas Bank
3. Syndicate Bank
4. Canara Bank
5. Central Bank of India
6. Union Bank of India
7. Kottayam District Co-operative Bank

AUDITORS

M/s. VARMA & VARMA

Chartered Accountants, Ernakulam

LEGAL ADVISORS

M/s. JOSEPH & MARKOS

Lawyers & Notaries, Kottayam.



The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited

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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Share-holders of the Corporation will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 12.30 p. m. on Thursday, the 30th September 1976 to transact the following business.

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' and Auditors' Reports and the audited Balance-Sheet as on 31st March 1976 and the Profit and Loss account for the year ended on that date.
2. To record the appointment of Directors by the Governor of Kerala in the place of Directors retiring at the Annual General Meeting under Article 63 (2) of the Articles of Association. The following Directors retire and are eligible for re-appointment.

- 1) Shri. P. G. Muralidharan
- 2) Shri. P. T. Devassy
- 3) Shri. S. Gopalan
- 4) Shri. C. K. K. Panicker
- 5) Prof. K. M. Chandy
- 6) Smt. Sarala Gopalan

- 7) Shri. R. Ravindran
- 8) Shri. C. P. Kunhalikutty Keyi
- 9) Shri. N. Hemachandran
- 10) Shri. P. K. Narayanan Nambiar
- 11) Shri. Paul P. Manvettom

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolution as a special Resolution with or without modifications.

Resolved that in the Article 115 (A), the following clause 115 (A) (e) may be added.
"Foreign tours by the officials of the Company on business matters or for study purpose lasting more than 4 weeks or involving more than a person or involving an expenditure of more than Rs. 10,000 - shall be undertaken only with the prior permission of the Government.

All Share-holders are requested to be present in person or by proxy. The Register of Members of the Company will remain closed from 24th September 1976 to 30th September 1976 (both days inclusive)

By Order of the Board
For the PLANTATION CORPORATION OF KERALA LTD.

Kottayam,
24-8-76.

Sd -
R. Ravindran
Managing Director

- NOTE:- (i) A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself and a proxy need not be a member. A form of proxy is attached. This must be returned duly completed to reach the office not less than 48 hours before the meeting.
- (ii) Consent of all Share-holders has been obtained as per Section 171 (2) of the Companies Act, 1956 for holding the meeting at shorter notice



THE PLANTATION CORPORATION
OF KERALA LIMITED

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 173(2)
OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956**

ITEM NO. 3

The Government of Kerala in their letter No. 10922/P3/75-1:AD dated 27-2-75 directed the company that all foreign tours by the officials of the Company for a period exceeding 4 weeks or involving more than one person or involving an expenditure of more than Rs. 10,000/- should have prior approval of the Government. Approval of the Government as required under Article 4 for amending the Articles of Association to this effect was also conveyed in the above letter.



The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Gentlemen,

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting to you the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976.

SHARE CAPITAL

The authorised Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs. 7.5 crores. The paid-up share capital stood at Rs. 437.44 lakhs as on 31-3-'76 as against Rs. 427.44 lakhs as on 31-3-1975. The additional amount of Rs. 10 - lakhs has been contributed by the Government of Kerala towards share capital of the Company during 1975-'76.

FINANCE

Over and above the sales revenue, the Company's operations were financed by loans from Government of Kerala. A sum of Rs. 10 - lakhs was sanctioned as loan to the Corporation during the year 1975-76 for financing the Oil Palm Project. This loan bears an interest rate of 10½%. An amount of Rs. 8 - lakhs has been received from the Government of Kerala as loan towards the Subsidised Housing Scheme (Labour tenements) which bears an interest rate of 5½%. For this Subsidised Housing Scheme we have also received a sum of Rs. 6 - lakhs during 1975-76 from Government of Kerala as subsidy which is not repayable. However, this amount has also been shown specifically in the Balance-sheet under liabilities.

Due to tight financial position, the Corporation was not able to fulfil its loan repayment and interest payment commitments to the Government of Kerala during the year under review.

Out of Rs. 221/- lakhs borrowed from the Agricultural Finance Corporation and their ten member Banks, we have repaid the instalments due during 1974-75 and 1975-76 as per Schedule and the balance as on 31-3-1976 stood at Rs. 94,81,319:67.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

The Corporation has made a net profit of Rs. 43,23,148.96 during the financial year ended 31st March 1976, as against a profit of Rs. 57,33,701.03 during the previous year. This profit is after setting off the following appropriations and provisions:-

A. Interest on loan and

Guarantee Commission	Rs. 37,42,754.13
B. Rehabilitation Reserve ..	Rs. 10,17,702.40
C. Depreciation ..	Rs. 10,34,361.58
D. Amounts written off ..	Rs. 2,136.11
E. Bonus ..	Rs. 18,090.64
F. Provision for taxation ..	Rs. 30,000.00
Total	Rs. 58,45,044.86

The main reason for the decrease is of the fact that no provision has been made for the bonus payment for the year 1975. The amount indicated above as bonus pertains to arrears of bonus for the year 1974 paid to staff on account of the revision of D. A. rates with effect from 1-7-1974. No decision has been so far taken on the payment of bonus for the year 1975. Further, as per Memorandum of Settlement dated 23-7-1976 arrived at between the Management and the Staff Unions in tune with the Industry-wide Settlement the staff members of the Corporation are to be paid two additional increments and other special allowances with effect from 1-4-1975. The approximate amount required is estimated



number of employees with washing allowance, free footwears, umbrellas and free medical, educational and cultural facilities, during 1975-76 also. To solve the housing problems of the staff in the Head office, a Scheme was drawn up for constructing Staff Quarters and necessary land has been purchased for this purpose. Accommodation facilities were also given to more than 50% of the permanent workers. The construction of labour tenements in various Estates under the "Subsidised Plantation Labour Housing Scheme" to provide additional accommodation facilities to the workers is progressing. Works relating to the Water Supply Scheme to provide adequate water supply to the Kalady Group of Estates are in good progress.

The three modern Garden Hospitals and six Dispensaries intended to provide medical aid to the employees and their dependants are doing good work.

The U. P. School in Kalady Plantation is having 7 Standards with a strength of 1044 students. The second standard has been added to the L. P. School at Perambra during the year. For transporting children free of charge, a School bus has been provided in the Kalady Plantations and ferry has been engaged at Perambra. Our Schools keep up a good educational standard.

To cater to the needs of the workers, canteens are provided in all the Estates. To look after the small children of the workers, Creches are provided. Under the care and supervision of Ayas, children are given baby food, milk etc. at the expense of the Corporation.

The Corporation continued the practice of deputing their employees for specialised courses, training programmes, Seminars, conferences etc. and 12 employees were deputed during 1975-76.

Under the Workers Education Schemes, two Seminars of five days duration each to high-

light the 20 point programme were conducted in the Kalady and Kodumon Plantations.

Libraries and Recreation Clubs are provided in all the Estates with facilities for indoor and outdoor games.

AUDIT

The accounts of the Company for the year 1975-76 were audited by M. s. Varma & Varma, Chartered Accountants, Ernakulam.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation was reconstituted with effect from 1-10-1975

Shri R. Narayanan, I.A.S., and Shri N. Kaleswaran, I.A.S., were replaced by Shri C. K. K. Panicker, I.A.S., and Shri S. Gopalan, I.A.S. respectively. The vacancies of the non-officials were filled up with S s. R. Ravindran, C. P. Kunhalikutty Keyi, P. K. Narayanan Nambiar, N. Hemachandran and Paul P. Manvettom with effect from 27-12-1975. Shri K. Narayanan, I.A.S. was replaced by Smt. Sarala Gopalan, I. A. S with effect from 14-1-1976.

Shri Simon T. Manjooran, I. P. S. Managing Director expired on 12-6-76 and Shri V. Sukumaran Nair, I. F. S. former Managing Director of the Corporation expired on 10-7-76.

Your Directors place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Manjooran and Shri Sukumaran Nair who had rendered meritorious service to the Corporation.

Shri R. Ravindran Director and General Manager of the Corporation who was acting as the Managing Director in the absence of Shri Simon T Manjooran, was appointed as the Managing Director of the Company with effect from 7-8-1976.



Your Directors take this opportunity to thank the Government of India, Government of Kerala and the Rubber Board for their co-operation and the ready assistance rendered to us in all matters. Your Directors also thank the

Officers, Staff and workers of the Company for their sustained help in building up this public Sector undertaking as a profitable and model Organisation in the field of Plantation Industry.

For and on behalf of Directors

Kottayam,
24-8-1976.

sd - P. G. Muralidharan,
Elected Chairman



NOTES ATTACHED TO AND FORMING PART OF
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976

1. The company has discounted usance and sight bills worth Rs. 27,26,557.02 as on 31-3-76 with the banks for which the Company is contingently liable.
2. Estimated amount of contracts to be executed on Capital account and not provided for Rs. 25,48,139.00 (last year Rs. 12,36,280.68)
3. Estimated amount of supply of capital assets remaining to be executed and not provided for is Rs. 9,12,415 - (last year Rs. 7,90,699.13 against which an advance of Rs. 5,59,927.91 has been paid). Previous year Rs. 3,56,768.74
4. Lease deeds for lands (approximate 1.800 Hectares) handed over since 1970 are yet to be executed.
5. The Company is liable to pay a compensation of Rs. 8,511.31 to persons evicted from the Kodumon Group of Estates which has not been provided since the persons are deceased and the claimants are to produce succession or heirship certificates.
6. No provision has been made for gratuity. Actual expenses have been charged to revenue account. Accrued liability up to 31-3-76 has not been provided for in the accounts. However, on an approximate estimation, the contingent liability on this account may be of the order of around Rs. 60,00,000 - based on the total strength of 6,000 employees at the rate of Rs. 1,000 - per person. However this is only an arbitrary amount. All the employees of the Corporation are not going to retire at one point of time and therefore it is not considered necessary to provide for gratuity. The retirement will be staggered and as the expenditure is charged to revenue every year, it is not considered necessary to provide for the same.
7. The amount of Rs. 30,00,000/- given by the State Government as advance towards Share Capital for Oil Palm Project has been included under unsecured loans, since the Government has directed to treat this as interest bearing loan.
8. The Corporation has received during the year 1975-76, an amount of Rs. 6.- lakhs from Government of Kerala towards subsidy for the subsidised Housing Scheme (labour tenements) The amount has been separately disclosed in the Balance Sheet.
9. Welfare fund has been created out of time barred claims and this fund will be used for welfare activities of the employees of the Corporation.
10. Claims against the Corporation not acknowledged as debts is approximately Rs. 62,000:-.
11. As the company is an Agricultural company and is carrying only operations required for making the produce marketable, the provision contained in Part II, Schedule VI as to installed capacity etc. of the Companies Act is not applicable.
12. The Corporation has placed an order for the installation of Crumb Plant machinery of indigenous origin. The Crumb Plant was erected by the suppliers in our Veettilappara Factory and was being run on trial basis and for the year ending 31-3-1976, a total quantity of 1,79,531 Kgs of crumb rubber was processed from latex, lump and scrap of the Corporation. As on 31-3-1976, the suppliers were not in a position to hand over the machinery in a full working condition. So the cost of the machinery was not capitalised as on that date. This will be capitalised during 1976-77 since officially the plant was taken over on



7-7-1976. In view of this, the amount advanced for the machinery is included under the head 'Fixed Assets item C.'

13. Motor car loan to officers is fully secured by hypothecation of motor cars in favour of the company. Maximum amount of such loan during the year was Rs. 77,010/- (previous year Rs. 64,780/-).
14. Motor Cycle loan to the officers and staff are also secured by hypothecation of motor cycle in favour of the Company. Maximum amount of such loans during the year was Rs. 1,11,060/- (Previous year Rs 53,950/-).
15. Sundry Debtors: includes the following amounts due from Government companies under the same management, viz. the Government of Kerala.
 1. M/s. Trivandrum Rubber Works Limited —
more than six months Rs. 7,41,884.86
 2. M/s. Kerala Soaps & Oils —
more than six months Rs. 9,845.66
16. Under the head Other advances recoverable in cash or in kind or value to be received, included under loans and advances Schedule 'F' includes an amount of Rs. 5,505.05 paid to the officers of the Corporation as salary advance.
17. Loans from Ten Scheduled Banks in consortium with Agricultural Finance Corporation Limited are secured to the extent of Rs. 221:- lakhs and interest by hypothecation/charge of standing crops of the Kodumon, Kalady and Perambra Group of Estates (Rubber) of the Corporation and of furniture and fixtures, Plant & Machinery and vehicles in the factories and offices in the said rubber estates, as detailed in the agreement with them. An equitable mortgage has also been created in their favour on the lease hold lands of the Corporation, where rubber plantations are raised. The loans are further secured by a Government guarantee for a like amount. Balance loan outstanding as on 31-3-1976 is Rs. 94,81,319.67
18. For the police party posted for security purpose in the estates, bills have not been received from 1-10-1974 onwards for Kodumon Group and from 1-4-1974 onwards for Kalady Group. Liability on this account is not known ascertainable and therefore not provided for.
19. No provision has been made for penal interest on the amounts payable to Government against loan, which has fallen due for payment during 1975-'76. The approximate amount on this account would be Rs. 49,000/-.
20. The closing stock as on 31-3-1976 has been valued at subsequently realised realisable value. The quantity of rubber under work-in-process as on 31-3-1976 has been subsequently graded and the same also has been valued on similar basis. (Also see item No. 24 of the notes to the Profit & Loss Account.)
21. A sum of Rs. 1,000/- provided in excess towards interest recoverable on motor cycle loan will be adjusted during 1976-'77.
22. Other liabilities shown under Schedule H includes an amount of Rs. 1,95,890.92 which is adjustable towards sundry debtors.



23. Eventhough the Board has decided to give up the Management of the U. P. School in our Kaladay Group of Estates to the Government, the Government was not prepared to take over the school on the terms and conditions on which the offer was made.

24. Under current assets, the following items are included:

Teak Plantation	Rs. 6,709.12
Pine apple plantation	Rs. 920.14

The teak saplings have been cut and used for repairing fencing at Chandanappally Estate during 1976-'77 and will be charged to Repairs & Maintenance of Fence during 1976-'77. The pine apple is under yield and will be charged to revenue during 1976-'77.

25. The market value realisable value of investment shown under Schedule C & D cannot be assessed.

26. Sundry debtors, deposit with Government Departments, and deposit with others are subject to confirmation.

27. An amount of Rs. 24,344.52 representing the cost of stores received in the estate has not been included in the closing stock of stores and spares, and corresponding liability has also not been provided for. This will be adjusted during 1976-'77.

28. Note Nos 1, 2, 3, 12, 16 (b), 21, 22, 23 and 24 attached to and forming part of Profit & Loss Account shall also form part of these notes.

29. Total area handed over to the Corporation on lease by the Forest Department for Rubber & Oil Palm

—	9,530	Hectares
Area un-surveyed (approximate)	—	<u>1,800</u> Hectares
Area under rubber including area for buildings, factories, roads, canals, marshy area, rocks, fire belt etc.	—	7,065 Hectares
Area under Oil Palm including area for buildings, roads, canals, marshy place, fire belt etc.	—	1,150 Hectares
Area under other crops	—	45 Hectares
Submergible area	—	220 Hectares
Area to be planted	—	<u>1,050</u> Hectares
Total	—	<u>9,530</u> Hectares

30. An area of 3.28 hectares of 1961 plantation in Kodumon Estate under Survey No. 783'1 of Koodal Village has been handed over to the P. W. D. for Kallada Irrigation Project. The value of this will be adjusted after finalisation of the valuation by the District Collector, Quilon.

31. Stores worth Rs. 2529.45 consumed during 74-75 has not been charged so far. This will be adjusted during 76-77. (This note will form part of the notes to Profit & Loss account also.)

32. The balance on treasury Savings bank account presented under current asset includes Rs. 10281.60 being interest accrued and due up to 31-3-1976.



33. The buildings and buildings under construction shown under fixed assets include the cost of buildings put up with the loan and subsidy assistance from Govt. of Kerala under the rules for the subsidised housing scheme for Plantation labour Kerala 1974; and such buildings as per above rules remain Government property till the loan taken by the Corporation under the Scheme is repaid to the Government.
34. Action is being taken to get the consent of the General Meetings of the Company for the additional charge allowance of Rs. 260/- p. m. paid from 1-4-75 to 7-5-75 during the year 1975-76 to Sri R. Ravindran, General Manager of the Corporation who was the Director of the Corporation under provision 314 of the Companies Act 1956.
35. By virtue of the provision of section 43A 1 (a) of the Companies Act 1956 the Company had become a Public Company and consequently the appointment and remuneration of Mr. R. Ravindran from 1-4-1975 to 7-5-1975 and Sri. Simon T. Manjooran from 8-5-1975 onwards (Managing Directors) require the sanction of the Central Government under section 269 read with section 198 & 309 (3) of the Companies Act 1956 and consent of General meeting under Section 309 (1) of the Companies Act 1956. Action is being taken to get such consents.

Sd/-

P. G. MURALIDHARAN
Elected Chairman.

Sd:-

R. RAVINDRAN
Managing Director.



THE PLANTATION CORPORATION
OF KERALA LIMITED

THE PLANTATION CORPORATION

Registered Office:

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR

Previous year		EXPENDITURE		
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
24,04,954.49		To Opening stock	..	28,15,233.91
22,91,937.25		.. Pay & allowances	..	26,58,114.69
4,040.00		.. Leave salary & Pension contribution to Managing Director	..	5,030.32
64.39		.. -do- Staff	..	2,833.67
12,987.10		.. Gratuity	..	3,08,974.05
2,64,642.70		.. Leave encashment (P. L. & S. L.)	..	3,25,142.00
10,21,888.57		.. Employers' contribution - P. F.	..	12,45,569.98
17,86,318.29		.. Bonus	..	18,090.64
6,000.00		.. Honorary to Chairman	..	6,000.00
24,522.05		.. TA & Sitting fees to Directors	..	58,002.86
1,39,195.44		.. TA to Staff & Officers	..	1,45,539.64
2,732.00		.. Rent	..	4,380.91
4,62,773.55		.. Rates & Taxes	..	2,87,348.56
1,93,989.97		.. Electricity charges	..	2,59,889.39
2,40,867.52		.. Lease rent	..	1,49,229.68
2,96,926.34		.. Insurance charges	..	3,38,846.42
5,11,643.17		.. Repairs & Maintenance of Assets (Schedule I)	..	7,69,537.49
84,159.78		.. Advertisement charges	..	1,02,701.67
10,080.48		.. Legal expenses	..	31,738.86
8,000.00		.. Remuneration to Auditors for audit	..	8,000.00
200.00		.. do for expenses	..	1,000.00
16,566.89		.. Prior period adjustment	..	1,40,801.91
2,450.00		.. Staff training expenses	..	5,710.06
23,20,292.11		.. Welfare expenses	..	27,24,149.42
6,82,826.30		.. Miscellaneous expenses & Adjustments (Schedule II)	..	14,15,398.50
51,95,132.61		.. Cultivation & Upkeep of rubber	..	56,76,132.27
67,19,958.39		.. Tapping & Colletion of rubber	..	85,92,181.07
28,76,316.13		.. Manufacturing & Selling expenses (Schedule III)	..	39,34,816.21
6,93,357.40		.. Depreciation including loss on revaluation etc.	..	6,53,830.53
35,49,107.96		.. Interest on loans	..	37,42,754.13
1,35,107.18		.. Guarantee Commission	..	84,150.81
25,000.00		.. Provision for taxation	..	30,000.00
8,41,996.60		.. Rehabilitation reserve	..	10,17,702.40
57,33,701.03		.. Net profit for the year	..	43,23,148.96
3,85,59,735.69		Total	..	4,18,81,981.01



OF KERALA LIMITED

Kottayam-4

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1976

Previous year		INCOME		
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
3,55,51,750.27		By Sale of rubber	..	3,79,35,588.63
2,772.55		.. Sale of Agrl. produce	..	3,828.14
7,133.82		.. Sale of Budwood	..	5,236.05
44,135.88		.. Sale of empties & Unserviceables	..	35,108.66
2,555.00		.. Sale of pueraria	..	1,495.00
2,336.12		.. Sale of rubber seeds	..	..
16,285.86		.. Sale of firewood (rubber)	..	21,501.27
		.. Profit on sale of assets	..	5,164.16
779.23		.. Interest on Deposits	..	10,790.57
3,484.95		.. Interest on Motor car loan	..	4,267.22
3,423.14		.. Interest on Motor cycle loan	..	5,705.93
53,623.21		.. Rent of buildings	..	74,867.54
84.80		.. Sub leasing of land	..	..
34,500.94		.. Miscellaneous income and adjustments	..	9,694.30
2,752.11		.. Prior period adjustment	..	31,291.41
300.00		.. Sitting fee of Managing Director for attending Board meetings of other companies	..	..
13,310.00		.. Excess provision for Income Tax	..	2,502.00
59.00		.. Interest on Income Tax	..	..
5,214.90		.. Refund of Income Tax	..	..
..		.. Application fee received	..	808.75
28,15,233.91		.. Closing stock - Finished goods : Works in process	..	37,34,131.38
			Total ..	4,18,81,981.01
3,85,59,735.69				



NOTE TO PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

1. Security expenses shown under Miscellaneous Expenses and Adjustments in Schedule II includes the following amounts which pertain to previous year as per details given below:

Kodumon	1-4-1973	to	30-9-1974	Rs.	1,64,420.10
Kalady	1-5-1972	to	31-12-1972	Rs.	1,80,394.90
"	1-1-1973	to	30-6-1973	Rs.	1,42,067.88
"	1-7-1973	to	31-3-1974	Rs.	2,49,021.30
			Total	Rs.	<u>7,35,904.18</u>

Bills towards the cost of posting security force from 1-10-74 & 1-4-1974 for Kodumon and Kalady Groups respectively has not been received and hence the liability is not known/not ascertainable and hence not provided for.

2. As per the orders of the State Government, men and women engaged for same work on the estates for field work or factory work are to be paid equal wages with effect from October 1975. The same has not been implemented so far for want of some clarifications and hence the liability on this account has not been provided for. Moreover the approximate additional liability on this account is not ascertainable at this stage.
3. As per the Memorandum of Settlement dated 23-7-76 between the Staff Unions and the Management, the staff members have been granted two additional increments and some special allowances with effect from 1-4-75. The orders for paying the arrears on account of the pay revision has only been issued on 7-8-1976 and as the quantum of arrears payable is not ascertainable, the liability on this account has not been provided for.

4. Amount paid to Managing Director:

	This year		Previous year	
	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
Pay & allowances to Managing Director				
Sri Simon T. Manjooran from 8-5-75 to 31-3-76	26,145.25		19,154.97	
T. A. to Managing Director —do—	26,127.72		14,044.01	
Leave Salary & Pension contribution to Managing Director —do—	5,030.32		4,040.00	
Medical expenses included under Welfare Expenses (see notes also)	1,989.09		530.45	

5. Sri. B. Ravindran, General Manager though has been appointed as a Director, his salary has been paid to him in the capacity as General Manager. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to show the payments made to him separately. He was holding full additional charge as Managing Director from 1-4-75 to 7-5-75.

Pay & allowances for the period 1-4-75 to 7-5-75	2,133.09
T. A. —do—	1,069.55
PF Contribution —do—	140.97
Medical expenses included under welfare expenses —do—	155.84

6. Sitting fees to Directors
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| | 5,900.00 | 4,300.00 |
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7 The profit & Loss Account expenditure includes:

a) Wages	1,17,73,487.92	93,42,001.94
b) Stores	52,63,385.29	48,30,617.54
c) Fuel	3,06,779.09	2,15,799.36

8. PERQUISITE TO DIRECTORS

- a. Managing Director is provided with unfurnished accommodation by the Company charging 7½% of the salary. The rent paid for the building was Rs. 6,050.00 against which we have recovered Rs. 1,669.09. The perquisite enjoyed by him is Rs. 2,033.70.
 - b. The Managing Director is provided with a car for his official purposes and is charged Rs. 100.- per month for his private use limiting to 500 Kmrs. a month for private use. The perquisites enjoyed by him on this account is Rs. 1,077.-.
9. There was no employee in the Corporation drawing remuneration in excess of Rs 36,000/- per annum in the aggregate during the year 1975-76. No person was employed for any part of this year on a monthly remuneration exceeding Rs. 3,000/-.
 10. The amount of Rs. 3,79,35,588.63 representing the sale of rubber is the sale proceeds of 49,21,615.57 Kgs of dry rubber content of various grades (also see Note 16).
 11. The provision of rehabilitation reserve of Rs. 10,17,702.40 is based on the total production of 50,88,512.17 Kgs of rubber at Rs. 20/- per quintal as is allowed under the Agricultural Income Tax Act.
 12. The management of the Alakode Government Estate has been entrusted to the Corporation during 1974-75. To cover the management expenses, there was a provision of Rs. 15,000.- per annum as per draft agreement. But since the agreement has not been executed so far, no amount has been provided as receipt in the Profit & Loss Account. For the two years 1974-75 and 1975-76, an amount of Rs. 30,000.- is to be received.
 13. The Corporation has invested an amount of Rs. 40,000 - under Seven Year National Savings Certificate on 6-8-1974. This will be maturing only on 6-8-1981. Interest will accrue after the expiry of 3 completed years and hence interest for the period up to 31-3-1976 has not been provided for.
 14. Bonus amount shown in the Profit & Loss Account is pertaining to arrears of Bonus paid on account of D. A. revision of the staff members. This pertains to calander year 1974.
 15. The amount shown under Pay & Allowances include an amount of Rs 1,63,675.66 paid to staff on account of revision of D. A. rates pertaining to previous year.
 16. The amount of sale of rubber shown in the Profit & Loss Account is inclusive of the following:
 - a. Insurance claim receivable representing value of 1.134 Kgs rubber lost in the fire accident of the Perambra Smoke House amounting to Rs. 8,164.80.
 - b. Value of 350 Kgs of rubber sold from Alakode Government Estate amounting to Rs. 2,432.50. This will be transferred to Alakode Govt. Estate during 1976-77.



- c. An amount of 3,364.10 paid to selling agents towards demurrage charges paid by them has been reduced from the sales amount as the realisation on account of that particular sale was less to that extent.
- d. An amount of Rs. 82,547.35 which pertains to value adjustments of goods sold during the previous year.
17. For the school at Kalady, the maintenance grant has not been received since 1972. The approximate amount due is Rs. 4,000/-.
18. An amount of Rs. 5,705.75 representing inauguration expenses of the Crumb Plant has been included under Factory Expenses Account.
19. Expenditure on Repairs & Maintenance of roads shown under Schedule IV is the net expenditure after deducting tolls collected for using the estate roads. This collection is only nominal amount for meeting the repair expenses.
20. Postage & Telephone account shown under Schedule II includes Rs. 8,000/- towards deposit made towards O. Y. T. scheme for installation of two telephones.
21. An amount of Rs. 5,186.77 representing capital repairs for tractor KKK 6881 charged to revenue will be capitalised during 1976-77.
22. An amount of Rs. 21,357.96 towards transit insurance (Road/Rail) for rubber has not been provided for. This will be adjusted during 1976-77.
23. Amount of Rs. 14,034/- representing the repairs and replacements has been capitalised during the year will be transferred to revenue in 1976-77.
24. The closing stock of rubber is valued in excess by Rs. 5,800/-.
25. Note No. 21 to the Balance Sheet shall also form part of these notes.
26. Additional information as per clause 4 D of Part II to Schedule VI. Also see Note No. 11 to Balance Sheet.

a) C. I. F. Value of imports during the year		Nil
b) Expenditure in foreign currency		Nil
c) Value of raw materials, stores, spare parts and components consumed during the year:		
	Value Rs.	Expressed as percentage of consumption
1. Imported	Nil	Nil
2. Indigneous (Stores & spares) (This includes value of stores included under capitalisation statement)	71,87,542.33	100%
d) Particulars of dividends remitted in foreign currencies		Nil
e) Earnings in foreign exchange		Nil

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The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited

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DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

(Schedule forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, '76)

Previous year		ITEMS	This year	
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
3,12,662.77		Overheads B:F from previous year (pertaining to Engg. works)	4,49,306.45	
5,27,517.39		Pay and allowances	6,80,271.75	
23,212.96		Overtime to staff	39,487.90	
2,039.00		Leave salary & Pension contribution	5,016.22	
45,337.95		Leave encashment	54,167.35	
24,885.58		Employers contribution - PF	44,697.11	
1,21,023.93		Bonus	6,746.30	
33,156.78		Travelling expenses	29,475.42	
1,200.00		Honorarium to Sri. M. N. Kunjan	1,200.00	
4,433.56		Rates & Taxes	4,593.06	
6,815.73		Insurance charges	14,954.51	
2,20,206.81		Repairs & Maintenance of Assets (Schedule IV)	1,98,265.46	
12,996.70		Lease rent	53,433.19	
18,926.63		Advertisement charges	29,652.77	
2,750.64		Prior period adjustment account	1,085.39	
2,92,434.33		Welfare expenses	3,28,983.71	
3,40,167.80		Interest on loan	4,04,028.22	
41,810.19		Miscellaneous expenses & adjustments (Schedule V)	74,401.83	
1,39,979.88		Depreciation	1,32,784.53	
..		Opening stock of palm oil	2,359.85	
22,00,298.35		Cultivation & Upkeep of rubber	22,29,310.24	
7,04,312.23		—do— Oil Palm	30,33,228.33	
969.77		—do— Eucalyptus		
..		—do— cashew	37,423.12	
3,253.35		—do— survey	..	
121.60		—do— coconut	..	
50,80,513.93				78,54,872.71
		LESS: CREDITS		
..		Sale of empties	2,047.23	
1,915.50		Sale of tender forms	1,700.50	
709.64		House Rent received	717.22	
107.00		Miscellaneous income	264.00	
114.67		Interest on Motor cycle loan	356.56	
..		Rent for cultivation	11,637.47	
..		Sale of palm oil	13,762.50	
2,359.85		Stock of palm oil	9,880.00	
4,49,306.45		Overheads pertaining to incomplete Engineering works	4,81,651.82	
4,54,513.11				5,22,017.30
46,26,000.82		Total		73,32,855.41



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	Value Rs	Expressed as percentage of consumption
1. Imported	Nil	Nil
2. Indigneous (Stores & spares) (This includes value of stores included under capitalisation statement)	71,87,542.33	100%
d) Particulars of dividends remitted in foreign currencies		Nil
e) Earnings in foreign exchange		Nil

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DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

(Schedule forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, '76)

Previous year		ITEMS	This year	
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5,27,517.39		Pay and allowances	6,80,271.75	
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2,039.00		Leave salary & Pension contribution	5,016.22	
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24,885.58		Employers contribution - PF	44,697.11	
1,21,023.93		Bonus	6,748.30	
33,156.78		Travelling expenses	29,475.42	
1,200.00		Honorarium to Sri. M. N. Kunjan	1,200.00	
4,433.56		Rates & Taxes	4,593.08	
6,815.73		Insurance charges	14,954.51	
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12,996.70		Lease rent	53,433.19	
18,926.63		Advertisement charges	29,652.77	
2,750.64		Prior period adjustment account	1,085.39	
2,92,434.33		Welfare expenses	3,28,983.71	
3,40,167.80		Interest on loan	4,04,028.22	
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60,80,513.93				78,54,872.71
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46,26,000.82		Total		73,32,855.41

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THE PLANTATION CORPORATION
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The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited

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DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

(Schedule forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, '76)

Previous year		ITEMS	This year	
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
(Continuation)				
CAPITALISED AS UNDER :				
3,87,516.35		Completed Engineering works	5,66,170.18	
26,80,146.93		Rubber Plantation	27,23,240.82	
15,53,992.82		Oil Palm Plantation	40,06,021.29	
969.77		Eucalyptus	..	
3,253.35		Survey	..	
121.60		Coconut	..	
..		Cashew	37,423.12	
46,26,000.82		Total	73,32,855.41	



NOTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF EXPENDITURE

1. The above statement includes:

		This year Rs.	Previous year Rs.
Wages	..	31,58,055.43	26,50,153.10
Stores	..	19,24,157.04	7,51,744.42
Fuel	..	1,74,482.82	5,20,602.29

2. Since the final orders fixing the rate of lease rent for the area handed over for the Oil Palm Project as well as Thannithode Estate has been received only during 1976-77, no provision for lease rent was made in the previous years. The above account includes lease rent pertaining to prior period as indicated below, which has been adjusted during the year

	Previous year upto 31-3-1975
Oil Palm Project	Rs. 2,33,088.49
Thannithode Estate	23,904.11

Apart from the above the Forest Department has demanded slash felling charges amounting to Rs. 1,83,356.63 for the period prior to 31-3-1975 for the land released for Oil Palm Project. This amount has also been included in the Capitalisation Statement.

3. Even though a few plants in the 1971 plantation in the Oil Palm Project has started yielding, the expenditure on 1971 plantation has been capitalised on account of the fact that the full area is not declared as mature.
4. The amount shown under Pay & Allowances include an amount of Rs. 34,178.71 paid to staff on account of revision of D. A. rates pertaining to previous year.
5. Repairs & Maintenance of vehicles shown in Schedule IV is the net expenditure after deducting the hire charges realised for Bulldozer amounting to Rs. 64,333.33.
6. The development expenditure has been allocated on the basis of the practice followed during the previous years for capitalisation.
7. The Postage, & Telephone expenditure on Thannithode Estate already capitalised includes Rs. 3,000/- towards installation of a telephone under O. Y. T. scheme.
8. As was the practice of the Corporation, overhead charges wherever required have been allocated only to Rubber Plantation and no part of such overheads is charged to other crops, namely cashew, eucalyptus, coconut etc.

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THE PLANTATION CORPORATION
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THE PLANTATION CORPORATION

Registered Office :

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF

(Included in and forming part of

Item	ORIGINAL COST			DEPRECIATION	
	Cost as at the end of the previous year	Additions during the year	Total	As at the end of the previous year	For the year
1	2	3	4	5	6
Buildings	1,91,02,588.38	24,00,815.49	2,15,03,403.87	31,54,711.09	5,31,425.65
Vehicles	16,09,462.79	95,137.99	17,04,600.78	11,61,143.32	1,54,785.03
Plant & Machinery	24,00,698.24	80,628.30	24,81,326.54	13,43,627.21	1,78,647.91
Furniture	5,16,791.02	46,162.83	5,62,953.85	2,02,736.00	36,028.69
Office Equipments	1,51,801.33	12,678.98	1,64,480.31	83,907.76	12,086.66
Survey Instruments	11,502.48	...	11,502.48	9,092.29	358.40
Library	12,114.66	2,039.80	14,154.46	5,643.07	851.13
Roads	53,19,477.89	6,28,260.40	59,47,738.29	...	...
Fence	3,95,454.63	66,572.92	4,62,027.55	...	...
Electric Fittings	23,379.70	...	23,379.70	8,943.80	2,027.88
Electric Appliances	12,321.04	...	12,321.04	6,854.18	820.01
Electric Installation	12,41,842.87	42,992.92	12,84,835.79	4,24,675.23	77,481.37
Telephones	12,910.81	2,646.57	15,557.38	3,889.33	1,750.21
Wells	1,677.37	...	1,677.37	...	...
Water Supply Installation	8,84,480.15	17,485.24	9,01,965.39	2,34,462.45	53,346.59
Landing pad	5,152.94	...	5,152.94	...	...
Free hold land	28,082.65	1,57,636.25	1,85,718.90	...	...
Earth moving Equipment	4,88,255.00	...	4,88,255.00	3,20,783.54	50,241.14
Jhankar	11,317.00	...	11,317.00	6,445.38	487.16
Total	3,22,29,310.95	35,53,057.69	3,57,82,368.64	69,66,914.65	11,00,838.13



OF KERALA LIMITED

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FIXED ASSETS

the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976

Total	DISPOSALS & ADJUSTMENTS		BALANCE		Net Block
	Original cost	Depreciation written off	Original cost	Depreciation to date	
7	8	9	10	11	12
36,86,136.74	32,551.13	3,980.53	2,14,70,852.74	36,82,156.21	1,77,88,696.53
13,15,928.35	24,444.95	12,057.40	16,80,155.88	13,03,870.95	3,76,284.88
15,22,275.12	12,614.73	5,966.47	24,68,711.81	15,16,308.65	9,52,403.16
2,38,764.69	369.71	82.08	5,62,584.14	2,38,682.61	3,23,901.53
95,994.42	...	...	1,64,480.31	95,994.42	68,485.89
9,450.69	242.04	207.64	11,260.44	9,243.05	2,017.39
6,494.20	....	...	14,154.46	6,494.20	7,660.26
...	....	...	59,47,738.29	—	59,47,738.29
...	....	...	4,62,027.55	—	4,62,027.55
10,971.68	....	...	23,379.70	10,971.68	12,408.02
7,674.19	....	...	12,321.04	7,674.19	4,646.85
5,02,156.60	....	...	12,84,835.79	5,02,156.60	7,82,679.19
5,639.54	....	...	15,557.38	5,639.54	9,917.84
...	....	...	1,677.37	—	1,677.37
2,87,809.04	....	...	9,01,965.39	2,87,809.04	6,14,156.35
...	....	...	5,152.94	—	5,152.94
...	....	...	1,85,718.90	—	1,85,718.90
3,71,024.98	....	...	4,88,255.00	3,71,024.98	1,17,230.02
6,932.54	...	...	11,317.00	6,932.54	4,384.46
80,67,252.78	70,222.56	22,294.12	3,57,12,146.08	80,44,958.66	2,76,67,187.42



THE PLANTATION CORPORATION
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THE PLANTATION CORPORATION

Registered Office :

SCHEDULE

DEVELOPMENT

(Included in and forming part of

Items	Cost till last year	Additions during				
		Kodumon	Chadanappally	Adirappally	Kattala	Vettilappara
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1959 Plantation	7,17,074.89	...	...	...	...	...
1960 "	5,62,467.87	...	...	...	...	...
1961 "	71,37,275.16	...	...	...	...	...
1962 "	45,64,998.12	...	...	...	...	...
1963 "	44,37,542.96	...	...	...	...	...
1964 "	20,47,794.67	...	...	...	...	...
1965 "	49,55,526.49	...	...	...	...	...
1966 "	22,55,711.48	...	...	...	...	...
1967 "	36,83,968.84	...	...	...	...	...
1968 "	28,13,400.37	...	...	...	...	...
1969 "	4,23,030.40	...	...	...	...	...
1970 "	6,71,848.98	...	...	...	...	...
1971 "	5,75,165.41	...	...	...	...	...
1972 "	4,13,551.11	...	...	...	13,049.46	13,973.62
1973 "	6,29,507.43	1,19,601.05	44,257.68	...	...	...
1974 "	9,30,183.63	1,30,741.86	36,281.68	...	...	...
1975 "	19,601.82	8,781.04	86,958.12	1,87,771.84	...	...
1976 "	...	...	15,423.77	24,195.85	29,776.81	...
1967 Replanting	8,99,989.98	...	...	...	...	...
1968 "	1,76,105.28	...	...	...	...	...
1969 "	4,00,945.34	...	...	25,701.60	...	...
1970 "	23,947.26	...	...	...	20,990.26	...
1971 "	1,32,443.88	...	...	70,518.94	21,069.52	...
1972 "	92,605.25	...	...	40,980.18	...	...
1973 "	4,02,576.72	...	...	1,40,771.52	87,619.19	...
1974 "	251,61.54	...	...	...	...	...
Coconut	795.36	...	...	...	...	...
Arecanut	156.59	...	...	...	...	...
Eucalyptus	51,496.66	...	...	8,475.55	...	...
Evicted area expenses	14,54,820.15	...	...	...	...	...
Survey	90,422.64	...	510.70	...	...	...
1971 Oil Palm	11,73,122.55	...	...	...	...	...
1972 "	15,74,162.32	...	...	...	...	...
1973 "	11,94,540.70	...	...	...	...	...
1975 "	1,93,096.89	...	...	...	...	...
Cashew	...	...	20,275.66	3,150.73	...	...
Total	4,47,25,038.74	2,59,123.95	2,03,707.61	5,01,566.21	1,72,505.24	13,973.62



OF KERALA LIMITED

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OF PROPERTY

(the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1976)

the year				Total	Disposals and adjustments	Cost to date
Perambra	Thannithode	Oil Palm	Head Office			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
...	7,17,074.89	...	7,17,074.89
...	5,62,467.87	...	5,62,467.87
...	71,37,275.16	...	71,37,275.16
...	45,64,998.12	...	45,64,998.12
...	44,37,542.96	...	44,37,542.96
...	20,47,794.67	...	20,47,794.67
...	49,55,526.49	...	49,55,526.49
...	22,55,711.48	...	22,55,711.48
58,277.08	37,42,245.92	...	37,42,245.92
2,19,992.60	30,33,392.97	...	30,33,392.97
71,706.72	4,94,737.12	...	4,94,737.12
1,03,226.86	7,75,075.84	...	7,75,075.84
1,13,265.25	6,88,430.66	...	6,88,430.66
1,26,870.97	5,67,445.16	...	5,67,445.16
1,45,033.15	9,38,399.31	...	9,38,399.31
43,630.74	6,33,237.65	...	...	17,74,075.56	2,778.95	17,71,296.61
164.20	3,03,277.02	...	3,03,277.02
...	69,396.43	...	69,396.43
...	8,99,989.98	...	8,99,989.98
...	1,76,105.28	...	1,76,105.28
73,259.90	4,99,906.84	...	4,99,906.84
...	44,937.52	...	44,937.52
...	2,24,032.34	...	2,24,032.34
...	1,33,585.43	6,100.96	1,27,484.47
...	6,30,967.43	...	6,30,967.43
19,054.86	44,216.40	...	44,216.40
...	795.36	...	795.36
...	156.59	...	156.59
...	59,972.21	...	59,972.21
...	419.94	14,55,240.09	...	14,55,240.09
...	90,933.34	...	90,933.34
...	...	3,85,402.79	...	15,58,525.34	...	15,58,525.34
...	...	6,93,567.06	...	22,67,729.38	...	22,67,729.38
...	...	7,03,640.92	...	18,98,181.62	...	18,98,181.62
...	...	22,23,410.52	...	24,16,507.41	...	24,16,507.41
...	13,996.73	...	...	37,423.12	...	37,423.12
8,74,482.33	6,47,234.38	40,06,021.29	419.94	5,15,04,073.31	8,879.91	5,14,95,193.40



OF KERALA LIMITED

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the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1976)

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...	20,47,794.67	...	20,47,794.67
...	49,55,526.49	...	49,55,526.49
...	22,55,711.48	...	22,55,711.48
...	37,42,245.92	...	37,42,245.92
58,277.08	30,33,392.97	...	30,33,392.97
2,19,992.60	4,94,737.12	...	4,94,737.12
71,706.72	7,75,075.84	...	7,75,075.84
1,03,226.86	6,88,430.66	...	6,88,430.66
1,13,265.25	5,67,445.16	...	5,67,445.16
1,26,870.97	9,38,399.31	...	9,38,399.31
1,45,033.15	17,74,075.56	2,778.95	17,71,296.61
43,630.74	6,33,237.65	...	...	3,03,277.02	...	3,03,277.02
164.20	69,396.43	...	69,396.43
...	8,99,989.98	...	8,99,989.98
...	1,76,105.28	...	1,76,105.28
...	4,99,906.84	...	4,99,906.84
73,259.90	44,937.52	...	44,937.52
...	2,24,032.34	...	2,24,032.34
...	1,33,585.43	6,100.96	1,27,484.47
...	6,30,967.43	...	6,30,967.43
...	44,216.40	...	44,216.40
19,054.86	795.36	...	795.36
...	156.59	...	156.59
...	59,972.21	...	59,972.21
...	419.94	14,55,240.09	...	14,55,240.09
...	90,933.34	...	90,933.34
...	...	3,85,402.79	...	15,58,525.34	...	15,58,525.34
...	...	6,93,567.06	...	22,67,729.38	...	22,67,729.38
...	...	7,03,640.92	...	18,98,181.62	...	18,98,181.62
...	...	22,23,410.52	...	24,16,507.41	...	24,16,507.41
...	13,996.73	37,423.12	...	37,423.12
9,74,482.33	6,47,234.38	40,06,021.29	419.94	5,15,04,073.31	8,879.91	5,14,95,193.40



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SCHEDULE C

(Included in and forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

Other investments: Unquoted fully paid up shares:

	Rs.	P.
1. 10 equity shares of Rs. 100/- each fully paid-up in the Banana & Fruit Development Corporation Limited, Madras	1,000.00	
Total	<u>1,000.00</u>	

SCHEDULE D

(Included in and forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

Other investments: Unquoted fully paid up shares:

1. 1 A Class share of Rs. 100/- each fully paid in the Mannam Sugar Mills Co-operative Stores Ltd. No. 4324	100.00	
2. 25 B Class shares of Rs. 100/- each fully paid in the Kodumon Group of Estate Employees' Consumer Co-operative Stores Ltd., No. Q 341	2,500.00	
3. 25 B Class shares of Rs. 100/- each fully paid in the Kalady Group of Estate Employees' Consumer Co-operative Stores Limited No. E 230	2,500.00	
Total	<u>5,100.00</u>	



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SCHEDULE E

(Included in and forming part of Balance sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

CURRENT ASSETS

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
	5,479.02	Interest accrued on advances		..
	13,08,516.75	Stores & spares at cost*	23,77,053.17	
	1,24,663.72	Loose tools revalued*	1,45,710.12	
	85,680.00	Equipments revalued*	1,56,778.50	
	28,15,233.91	Finished goods, work in process stock in transit at value subsequently realised/realisable*	37,34,131.38	
	44,818.04	Nurseries Rubber (at cost)*	88,921.57	
	8,78,948.43	Nurseries Oil Palm (at cost)*	32,507.64	
	920.14	Pineapple cultivation (at cost) Note No. 24*	920.14	
	2,359.85	Stock of palm oil (at value subsequently realised/realisable)*	9,880.00	
	6,709.12	Teak plantation (at cost) Note No. 24*	8,709.12	
		Sundry debtors (Unsecured considered good) Note No. 22 - subject to confirmation from them.		
		(a) Debts outstanding for more than 6 months includes Rs. 7,51,730.52 from Govt. Departments and Companies Last year Rs. 8,74,482.15	10,51,253.48	
	9,29,084.14	(b) Other debts (includes Rs. 15,153.96 (Last year Rs. 1,26,864.43) due from Government companies	7,89,116.86	
	6,48,873.40	Bills margin on discounted bills	25,624.00	
	55,258.05	Amount due from Government of Kerala towards loan sanctioned prior to 31-3-75 received by the Corporation in April 1975	..	
	18,37,500.00			
		CASH & BANK BALANCE		
	118.75	Stamp & stamp paper on hand	1,242.30	
	16,42,144.58	Cash in transit	98,397.15	
	20,11,366.33	Balance on Treasury Savings Bank account	9,11,647.93	
	15,75,123.68	Balance with Scheduled Banks in current account	11,04,107.29	
	1,39,72,797.91	Total	1,05,34,000.65	

* As certified and as valued by the Managing Director.



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SCHEDULE F

(Included in and forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

LOANS & ADVANCES

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
43,810.00		Motor cycle loan (Secured considered good)	1,03,860.00	
47,810.00		Motor car loan (Secured considered good)	63,360.00	
UNSECURED CONSIDERED GOOD				
		Alakode Government Estate (Managed by the Corporation)	92,134.35	
49,817.00		Deposit with P & T Department, Electricity Board, Port Trust and other Govt. Departments (Note No. 26)	82,242.00	
87,268.00		Deposit with others (Note No. 26)	82,538.00	
2,93,075.60		Prepaid expenses	1,03,596.83	
17,19,612.14		Other advances recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received	7,56,039.81	
2,000.00		Advance to Employees Co operative Society	2,000.00	
20,875.00		Advance tax paid and tax deducted at source	24,305.00	
22,64,267.74		Total	13,20,075.99	

SCHEDULE G

(Included in and forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
736.36		Tapper Training expenses	13,220.05	
32,814.15		Suspense pending adjustment	27,465.19	
43,093.23		Stores suspense	56,277.40	
14.82		Loss by theft		
2,411.67		Shortage of tools	2,010.42	
3,636.01		Shortage of stores	2,908.55	
2,092.85		Preliminary expenses - Oil Palm	2,092.85	
52.50		P. F. Suspense	379.00	
5,051.63		Investigation factory site	5,051.63	
1,075.00		Compulsory Deposit - Workers - Thannithode	1,075.00	
		Lease rent - suspense	4,153.89	
90,978.22		Total	1,14,633.98	



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SCHEDULE H

(Included in and forming part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976)

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Previous year		ITEMS	This year	
Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
41,26,946.56		Sundry creditors	32,46,347.43	
1,18,911.03		Other liabilities	3,34,819.85	
4,11,963.92		Earnest Money & Security Deposit	5,18,731.52	
4,713.61		Suspense pending adjustment	18,341.87	
540.75		P. F. Suspense	713.75	
34,66,602.08		Interest accrued; but not due on loans	57,21,741.57	
30,00,000.00		Advance paid towards Share Capital for Oil Palm (transferred to loan from Government)	...	
1,479.60		Stores suspense	219.16	
205.43		Excess recovery of Onam advance staff	277.50	
4,038.02		Stale cheque	1,715.69	
20.00		Excess recoveries of advance for strike relief	...	
20,853.33		Alakode Government Estate	...	
1,11,56,274.33		Total	98,42,908.34	



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SCHEDULE I

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
2,40,348.57		Vehicles	2,59,439.75	
93,941.33		Roads	1,17,884.38	
14,314.71		Plant & Machinery	16,088.31	
1,16,878.48		Buildings	3,04,822.45	
46,160.08		Others	71,302.60	
5,11,643.17		Total	7,69,537.49	

SCHEDULE II

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND ADJUSTMENTS

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
52,681.53		Postage, Telephone & Telegrams	70,663.54	
45,666.75		Printing & Stationery	61,529.36	
12,336.95		Office expenses & Miscellaneous	23,849.66	
1,50,296.34		Bank charges	3,13,855.63	
2,844.36		Books & Periodicals	3,682.79	
2,250.11		Storage expenses	5,432.03	
347.65		Gardening	725.11	
12,202.12		I. B expenses	18,620.26	
10,685.10		Rent of boats	11,550.00	
750.00		Loss by fire	500.00	
...		Cost of pueraria seeds sold	603.20	
10,029.79		Losses & write off	2,136.11	
17,204.74		Entertainment expenses	23,587.39	
3,60,092.55		Security expenses	8,50,835.78	
4,213.34		Ferry expenses	21,684.76	
668.70		Subsistence allowance	...	
120.08		Research expenses	5,083.83	
436.19		Temporary sheds	...	
...		Inauguration expenses	1,059.05	
6,82,826.30		Total	14,15,398.50	



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SCHEDULE III

MANUFACTURING & SELLING EXPENSES

Previous year		Items	This year	
Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
TRANSPORT OF LATEX TO FACTORY				
1,73,612.20		Pay & allowances	2,22,019.52	
32,854.71		Vehicle tax	59,086.00	
1,430.06		Vehicle insurance	8,630.55	
2,48,707.75		Running & Maintenance of vehicles	<u>3,34,377.80</u>	6,24,113.87
MANUFACTURING				
2,19,868.13		Pay & allowances	2,97,958.07	
4,05,593.80		Factory wages	5,13,800.80	
56,331.37		Fuel for Smoke House	76,924.82	
6,393.13		Fuel for Generator	4,127.84	
4,06,178.32		Chemicals	6,84,370.91	
41,557.77		Factory upkeep & Maintenance	61,773.38	
1,07,914.29		Machinery upkeep & maintenance	1,04,614.37	
25,622.45		Factory insurance	44,531.85	
56,266.46		Power supply	77,021.57	
1,15,172.01		Welfare expenses	1,18,527.21	
305.58		Factory utensils	980.28	
...		Maintenance & upkeep of Crumb plant (under trial run)	47,227.72	
...		Fuel for drier	<u>80,859.52</u>	21,12,718.34
DISTRIBUTION				
95,796.51		Packing materials	49,830.36	
97,912.09		Packing wages	1,05,017.68	
1,57,259.11		Forwarding charges	2,03,113.26	
88,550.63		Road/Rail insurance	1,86,064.45	
3,41,963.61		Depreciation	3,80,361.05	
3,001.50		Selling expenses	74,650.47	
66,361.66		Shipping expenses	77,171.42	
1,27,662.89		Commission to Selling Agents and rebate	<u>1,21,775.29</u>	11,97,984.00
28,76,316.13		Total		39,34,816.21



Varma & Varma
Chartered Accountants

AUDITORS REPORT

The Share - holders,
THE PLANTATION CORPORATION OF KERALA LTD.,
Kottayam.

We have audited the annexed Balance Sheet of The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited as at 31st March 1976 and also the annexed Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended on that date and report as under:

1. As required by the Manufacturing and Other Companies (Auditors' Report) Order 1975 issued by the Company Law Board in terms of Section 227 (4A) of the Companies Act 1956, we enclose in the Annexure a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the said Order.

2. Further to our comments in the annexure referred to in paragraph 1 above.
 - a) We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as appears from our examination of the books.
 - c) The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of account.
 - d) (1) The Investments detailed in Schedule D to the Balance Sheet have, in our opinion, no realisable value.
(2) Advance to the Employees Co-operative Society amounting to Rs. 2000/- is in our opinion doubtful of recovery in view of the fact that the Society is not functioning and is reported to have no assets.
(3) The amount of Rs. 60 lakhs shown as the approximate estimated amount of liability towards gratuity is purely an arbitrary figure and is not based on accepted scientific principles (Note 6 to the Balance Sheet)
(4) In our opinion the census report regarding the plants given by the various estates of the Company are not correct and are misleading and classification of various plantations as "mature" and "immature" based on such census figures is not scientific.
(5) The Profit & Loss Account of the Company shows a profit of Rs. 43,23,148.96. This profit would have been reduced to Rs. 42,66,181.82 if the Company had adjusted the various items of expenditure or income as detailed in the Notes numbering 12, 16(b), 17, 21, 22, 23 and 24 to the Profit and Loss Account and Notes numbering 19, 21 and 31 to the Balance Sheet. In addition, if all the items mentioned above, together with the item mentioned in Note 27 to the Balance Sheet had been adjusted in the accounts, the following figures in the Balance Sheet as detailed in Col. 1 would have changed to the figures mentioned in Col. 2.



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	Column 1	Column 2
	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Current Liabilities	98,42,908.34	99,37,610.82
Current Assets, Loans & Advances.		
a) Current Assets	1,05,34,000.65	1,05,50,015.72
b) Loans & Advances	13,20,075.99	13,50,643.49
Fixed Assets		
a) Building, Roads, Plant and Machinery, Furniture etc.	2,76,67,187.42	2,76,58,340.19
Miscellaneous Expenditure :		
Profit & Loss Account	21,06,625.15	21,63,592.29

The profit would have been further reduced if the additional expenditure that has to be borne by the Company in respect of items included in the Notes numbering 2 and 3 to the Profit and Loss Account and Note No. 18 to the Balance Sheet had been ascertained and adjusted and correspondingly the Profit and Loss Account under Miscellaneous Expenditure and the Current Liabilities in the Balance Sheet would have been affected.

e) Subject to the above, in our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts subject to and read with the notes thereon and schedules thereto, give the information required by the Companies Act 1956 in the manner so required and give a true and fair view.

(a) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st March, 1976.

and

(b) in the case of the Profit and Loss Account, of the Profit for the year ended on that date.

Ernakulam, Cochin-16
22nd September 1976

For VARMA AND VARMA
Sd/-
(S. PRABHAKARAN)
Partner
Chartered Accountants.



ANNEXURE TO OUR AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNT OF THE PLANTATION
CORPORATION OF KERALA LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-3-1976

Referred to in paragraph 1 of our report of even date.

1. The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars including quantitative details and situation of fixed assets except that the Company has not maintained the PLANTATION FIELD REGISTERS, giving the particulars of trees etc., since 1972. Records showing that the fixed assets were physically verified during the course of the year or as on 31-3-1976 were not available to us and hence the discrepancies, if any, could not be ascertained.
2. None of the fixed assets have been revalued during the year.
3. The stock of finished goods, stores, spare parts and other items have been physically verified on 31-3-1976 by the management. The discrepancies noticed on verification between the physical stock and book records have been properly dealt with in the books of account. In our opinion the valuation of the above mentioned stocks is fair and proper in accordance with the normally accepted accounting principles and is on the same basis as in earlier years. No physical verification was conducted during the course of year except the one conducted on 31-3-1976.
4. The Company has not obtained loans from Companies, Firms or other parties listed in the register maintained under Section 301 of the Companies Act 1956 and from Companies under the same management.
5. In respect of loans and advances in the nature of loans given by the Company, parties have, except in certain cases, repaid the principal amounts as stipulated and have also been regular in the payment of interest according to the terms and conditions laid down by the Company.
6. In our opinion and according to the explanations given to us there are adequate internal control procedures commensurate with the size of the Company and the nature of its business with regard to the purchase of stores, plant and machinery, equipments and other assets.
7. According to the information and explanations given us, the Company has not made any purchase of stores or other items from subsidiaries or from firms or companies or other parties in which the directors are interested as listed in the register maintained under Section 301 under the Companies Act, 1956. The Company had, however, during the year given the contract for spraying the rubber plants in the estates to a Co-operative Society in which the directors of the Company were interested. This contract was given to the Society as per the directive from the State Government in which it has been suggested that a weightage of 10% be given to the Society over the rate quoted by the lowest tenderers.
8. The Company has determined unserviceable or damaged Tools and Stores. Adequate provision has been made in the accounts for the loss arising on the items so determined.
9. During the year in question the Company has not accepted deposits from public and therefore provisions of section 58A of the Companies Act 1956 and the rules framed thereunder are not applicable.
10. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us the Company has maintained reasonable records for the sale and disposal of scrap and unserviceables (no by-products are obtained)
11. The Company has an internal audit section but for the size and nature of operations undertaken by the Company it cannot be said that internal audit is adequate and effective. A major portion of the transactions of the Company has not been subjected to internal audit during the year.
12. The Order made by the Central Government for the maintenance of cost records under Section 209(1) (d) of the Companies Act 1956 is not applicable to this Company.
13. According to the records of the Company provident fund dues have been regularly deposited during the year with the appropriate authorities and there are no arrears of Provident Fund dues as at 31-3-1976.

for VARMA AND VARMA
Sd/-
(S. PRABHAKARAN)
Partner
Chartered Accountants.



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Replies to the Report of M/s. Varma & Varma,
Chartered Accountants.

- 2 d) (1) The Co-operative Societies are not liquidated so far. In view of this the market value/realisable value cannot be assessed. Note No. 25 to Balance Sheet may also be seen.
- (2) Even though the Co-operative Societies are not functioning steps are being taken to revive them.
- (3) The position has been clearly explained in note no. 6 to Balance Sheet.
- (4) Necessary steps have already been taken to Number the plants correctly to avoid any confusion in future. The classification of mature and immature area is not based on census.
- (5) The figures are purely based on the notes given to Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet.

Sd/-

P. G. MURALIDHARAN
Elected Chairman.

Sd/-

R. RAVINDRAN
Managing Director.

Replies to the Annexure of the Audit Report of M/s. Varma & Varma,
Chartered Accountants.

1. Action has been taken to complete the Field Registers upto date. Fixed assets as on 31-3-76 have been verified and the reports are available.
5. Advances have been given to the employees of the Corporation and strict instructions have been issued to recover the same regularly without any lapse.
7. The spraying contract was given to the Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation Ltd., which is a Co-operative Society. This contract was given to the Society on the basis of the directive from the State Government.
11. Internal audit wing is being strengthened and will be made more effective.

All other points covered in the Auditors report are either factual or covered by notes attached to Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account and hence no replies are considered necessary.

Sd/-

P. G. MURALIDHARAN
Elected Chairman.

Sd/-

R. RAVINDRAN
Managing Director.

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Comments of the Finance Secretary to the Government of Kerala under Article 105 of the Articles of Association of the Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31-3-1976.

'No Comments'

Sd/-

K. V. RABINDRAN NAIR
Finance Secretary.

Trivandrum,
27-9-1976.



ANNEXURE TO THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

Review of Accounts of The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited for the Year ended 31st March 1976 by the Accountant General, Kerala.

1. FINANCIAL POSITION

The table below summarises the financial position of the Company under broad headings for the three years ended 31st March 1976:

LIABILITIES	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
	(Rupees in Lakhs)		
a) Paid-up Capital	422.44	427.44	437.44
b) Reserves and surplus	0.79	0.67	6.69*
c) Borrowings	394.30	423.84	425.97
d) Trade dues and current liabilities including provision	95.66	111.81	98.73
Total	<u>913.19</u>	<u>963.76</u>	<u>968.83</u>
ASSETS			
e) Gross block	296.90	322.29	357.12
f) Less: Depreciation	58.50	69.67	80.45
g) (i) Net fixed assets	238.40	252.62	276.67
(ii) Development of property	405.42	447.25	514.95
	<u>643.82</u>	<u>699.87</u>	<u>791.62</u>
h) Buildings and roads under construction, machinery under erection	24.15	25.68	36.00
i) Investments	0.06	0.46	0.46
j) Current assets, loans and advances	104.29	162.37	118.54
k) Miscellaneous expenditure including accumulated loss	140.87	75.38	22.21
Total	<u>913.19</u>	<u>963.76</u>	<u>968.83</u>
Capital employed	652.45	750.43	811.43
Net worth	282.36	352.73	421.92

- Note: 1) Capital employed represents net fixed assets plus working capital.
2) Net worth represents paid-up capital plus reserves less intangible assets.

2. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The debt equity ratio of the company was 0.93 : 1 in 1973-74, 0.99 : 1 in 1974-75 and 0.97 : 1 in 1975-76.

* This includes subsidy of Rs. 6 lakhs received from Government for housing scheme.



3. RESERVES AND SURPLUS

The reserves and surplus accumulated as on 31-3-1974, 31-3-1975 and 31-3-1976 were Rs. 0.79, Rs. 0.67 and Rs. 6.69 lakhs respectively. The reserves (Rs. 6.69 lakhs) amounted to 0.69 per cent of the total liabilities in 1975-76 as against 0.07 per cent in 1974-75 and 0.09 per cent in 1973-74 and to 1.53 per cent of equity capital in 1975-76 as against 0.16 per cent in 1974-75 and 0.19 per cent in 1973-74.

4. LIQUIDITY AND SOLVENCY

- The proportion of current assets to total net assets varied from 13.49 per cent in 1973-74 to 18.26 per cent in 1974-75 and to 12.51 per cent in 1975-76.
- The percentage of current assets to current liabilities (including provisions) increased from 109.02 in 1973-74 to 145.22 in 1974-75 and decreased to 120.06 in 1975-76.
- The percentage of quick assets (Sundry Debtors, advances, interest accrued on investments and cash and bank balances) to current liabilities (excluding provisions) increased from 68.32 in 1973-74 to 95.51 in 1974-75 and decreased to 52.57 in 1975-76.

5. WORKING CAPITAL

The working capital (current assets, loans and advances less trade dues and current liabilities) of the Company at the close of each of the three years ending 31st March 1976 amounted to Rs. 8.63 lakhs, Rs. 50.56 lakhs and Rs. 19.81 lakhs respectively and represented about 0.5, 2.1 and 0.7 months' value of production at cost excluding depreciation during these years.

The working capital requirements of the Company during the three years ended 31-3-1976 were met mainly from loans obtained from Agricultural Finance Corporation by hypothecation of standing crops and assets of the Company and unsecured loans from Government of Kerala.

6. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Funds amounting to Rs. 16.85 lakhs (depreciation, profit provision and reserves) from internal sources and (-) Rs. 1.00 lakhs from other sources were utilised during 1975-76 as shown below:

i) Gross fixed assets	Rs. 102.53 lakhs
ii) Capital works in progress	10.32 ..
iii) Current assets, loans and advances	(-) 43.83 ..
iv) Miscellaneous expenditure (including accumulated loss)	(-) 53.17 ..
	<u>Rs. 15.85 ..</u>

7. WORKING RESULTS

The working results of the Company for the three years upto 31st March 1976 are tabulated below:

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
		(Rupees in lakhs)	
i) Profit before tax	13.60	57.59	43.53
ii) Tax provision	0.25	0.25	0.30
iii) Profit after tax	13.35	57.34	43.23



Profit of Rs. 13.60 lakhs is after adjusting Rs. 4.07 lakhs towards miscellaneous expenses. Profit of Rs. 57.59 lakhs includes an amount of Rs. 0.13 lakh of excess tax provision of the previous year written back. Profit of Rs. 43.53 lakhs includes Rs. 0.03 lakh of excess provision of income tax written back.

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
1. Percentage of profit before tax			
a. to sales	6.09	16.19	11.47
b. to gross fixed assets (including development of property)	1.94	7.48	4.99
c. to capital employed	2.08	7.67	5.36
2. Percentage of profit after tax			
a. to net worth	4.73	16.26	10.25
b. to equity capital	3.16	13.41	9.88
c. to capital employed	2.05	7.84	5.33

8. COST TRENDS

The table below indicates the sales, cost of sales and percentage of cost of sales to sales for the three years upto 31st March 1976.

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
Sales	223.42	355.62	379.45
Less: Profit	13.35	57.34	43.23
Cost of sales	210.07	298.28	336.22
Percentage of cost of sales to sales	94.02	83.88	88.61

9. PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

The value of production for the three years upto 31st March 1976 is worked out below:

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
i) Sales	223.42	355.62	379.45
ii) Closing stock of finished goods	8.83	11.55	24.34
iii) Opening stock of finished goods	2.15	8.83	11.55
iv) Value of production ((i) + (ii) - (iii))	330.10	558.34	392.24

The percentage of value of production to net worth increased from 81.49 in 1973-74 to 101.59 in 1974-75 and decreased to 92.97 in 1975-76. The percentage of value of production to total net assets increased from 29.77 in 1973-74 to 40.29 in 1974-75 and 41.39 in 1975-76.

10. INVENTORY AND PRODUCTION

The following table indicates the comparative position of inventory and its distribution at the close of the three years upto 31st March 1976.



	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
i) Stores and spares			
a) General stores and spares	4.42	8.21	16.37
d) Engineering stores	3.00	4.87	7.40
ii) Loose tools	1.07	1.25	1.46
iii) Stock in trade finished goods	8.83	11.55	24.34
iv) Work in process	15.22	16.60	13.00
v) Equipments	0.83	0.86	1.57
	<u>33.37</u>	<u>43.34</u>	<u>64.14</u>

The stock of general stores and spares equalled 3.73 months' requirements (for production and development of property) during 1975-76 as compared to 2.04 months' in 1974-75 and 1.79 months' in 1975-74. (Engineering Stores intended for capital construction are excluded for purpose of this analysis.)

Finished goods represented 0.77 months' sales during 1975-76 as compared to 0.39 months' during 1974-75 and 0.47 months' during 1973-74.

11. SUNDRY DEBTORS AND TURNOVER

As on	Total book debts considered good	Considered doubtful	Sales	Percentage of debts to sales
	(Rupees in lakhs)			
31-3-1974	29.90	...	223.42	13.38
31-3-1975	15.78	...	355.62	4.44
31-3-1976	18.40	...	379.45	4.85

The sundry debtors decreased by 47.22 per cent in 1974-75 and 38.46 per cent in 1975-76 as compared to 1973-74. The sundry debtors represented about 1.61 months' turnover during 1973-74, 0.53 months' during 1974-75 and 0.58 months' during 1975-76.

	Govt. Companies	Private parties	Total
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
1. Debts outstanding for more than one year but less than 2 years	7.41	0.76	8.17
2. Debts outstanding for more than 2 years but less than 3 years	...	0.12	0.12
3. Debts outstanding for three years and more	...	0.06	0.06

Trivandrum,
30-10-1976.

Sd/-
(H. M. S. BHATNAGAR)
Accountant General, Kerala.

Comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under Section 619 (4) of the Companies Act, 1956 on the Accounts of The Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited, Kottayam for the year ended 31st March 1976.

BALANCE SHEET

1. LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities and Provisions

Current Liabilities

Interest accrued but not due on loans Rs. 57,21,741.57

This includes interest of Rs. 21,84,703.31 on unsecured loans from Government of Kerala, actually accrued and due as on 31st March 1976, which should have been classified under unsecured loans.

2. ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES

Current Assets

Finished goods, work in process, stock in transit

at value subsequently realised / realisable Rs. 37,34,131.38

Finished goods (Rs. 24,33,801.41) and work in process (Rs. 13,00,329.97) should have been shown separately.

Trivandrum,
30-10-1976.

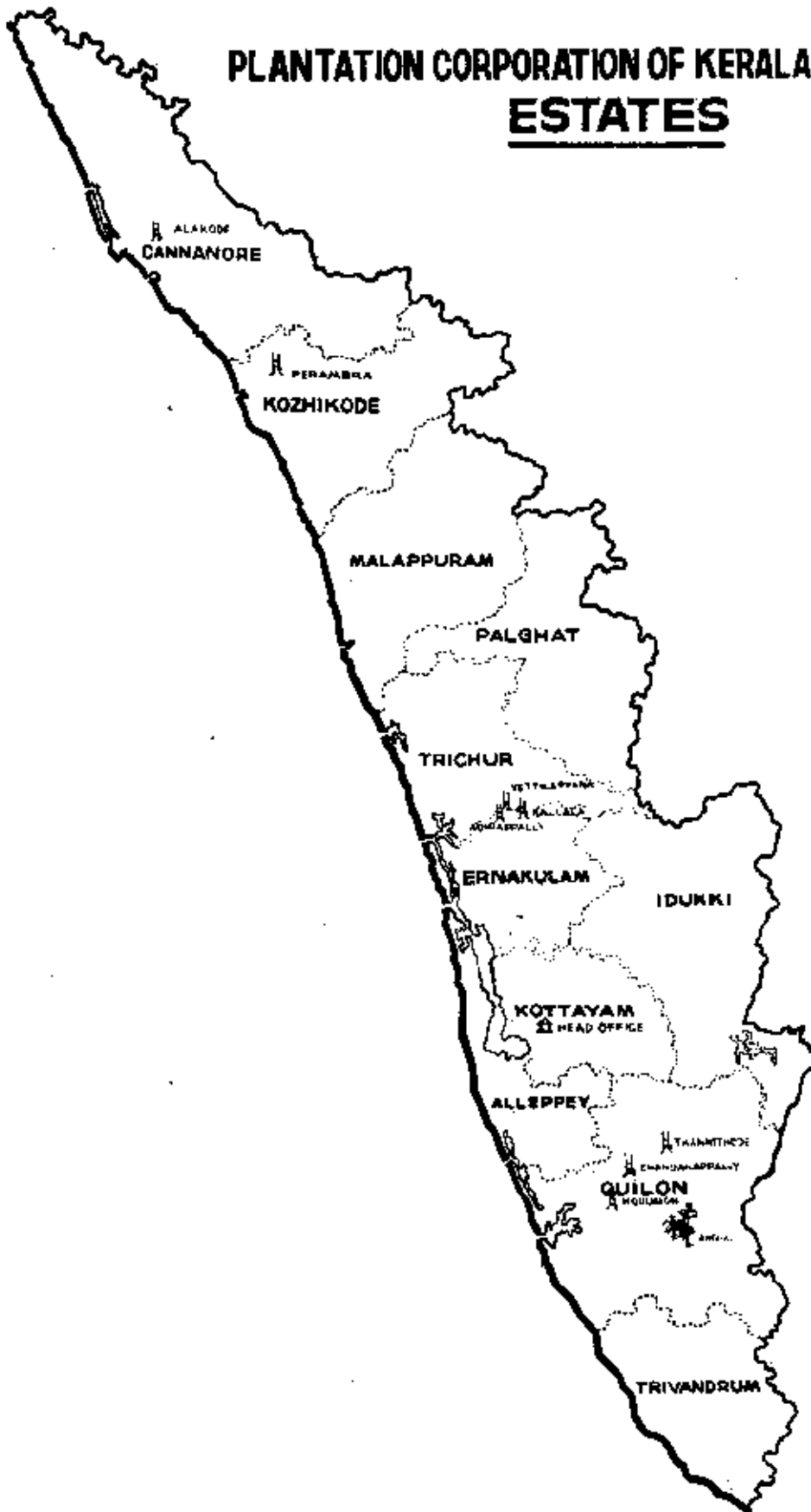
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Reply to the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the accounts of the Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited for the year ended 31st March 1976.

1. Noted.

2. Noted.

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at Rs. 6/- lakhs. No provision has been made in the accounts for this. The two payments when taken into consideration will reduce the quantum of net profit indicated above to that extent.

FIRE ACCIDENTS

During the year under review, there were six fire accidents in the Estates. But due to immediate detection and timely action, three fire accidents did not cause any damage to the Plantations. Out of the remaining three accidents, two fire accidents caused damages to the rubber plants whereas the third one in the Perambra Estate destroyed the Smoke House and the sheets therein. On account of these three accidents, we have incurred a total loss of Rs. 47,233/23 out of which an amount of Rs. 46,483/23 is recoverable from the State Insurance Department for which the necessary claims have been lodged.

PLANTING

The total area handed over to the Plantation Corporation was approximately 8150 Hectares. According to the latest statistics, the effective area under rubber planting as on 31-3-1976 was 6715 Hectares. The balance area comes to 1435 Hectares. The allocation of this area is as follows:

Submergible area in Perambra	..	220	Hectares
Abandoned area	..	200	..
Cashew planting during 1976	..	390	..
Rubber planting during 1976	..	230	..
Existing cashew plantation	..	10	..
Existing Eucalyptus plantation	..	35	..

The balance area of 350 Hectares is spread over in various Estates which are covered by buildings, roads, canals, marshy areas, rocks and other patches. Wherever practicable we are attempting to plant the remaining patches with cashew.

The entire area has not been surveyed and the details furnished above are based on the statistics collected from the Estates. We are making an earnest attempt to make the statistical data complete and up-to-date.

OIL PALM

The total extent of the land released for oil palm cultivation is about 1380 Hectares. The entire area remains unsurveyed. We have planted an area of 1150 Hectares including about 660 Hectares planted in 1975. There are rocky patches, marshy places, roads, buildings and areas unsuitable for the cultivation of oil palm. The effective area under oil palm is about 1000 Hectares.

The oil palm plantation was started during 1970 with the idea of forming a Subsidiary Company. In principle it was agreed that 49 per cent of the equity share capital will be contributed by the Government of India, the balance 51 per cent to be invested by the Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited after obtaining loan assistance from the Centre for the purpose. Since the Government of India has not taken a final decision in regard to the financing of the Project, the formation of the Subsidiary Company has been delayed. Even though it has been under the active consideration of the Government of India for some time, Government of India has now asked us to update the Project Report which was revised in 1973 and this work is in progress. It is anticipated that an early decision will be taken by the Government of India in this matter.

ALAKODE ESTATE

The management of the Alakode Estate still continues with the Corporation.

TAPPING & YIELD

The total area under tapping by the end of March 1976 was 5444.84 Hectares as against the tapping area of 5247 Hectares in March 1975. In spite of the adverse climatic conditions that prevailed during the reporting year, we could produce 5088 Tonnes against the target of 4874 Metric Tonnes. The crop is processed into crumb rubber, smoked sheet, centrifuged latex, crepe and brown crepe. The crumb plant which was inaugurated by the Hon' Minister for Agriculture Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman in May 1975 is running satisfactorily.



The second Drier ordered for the Crumb Plant is being installed. Steps are also being taken to install a Pale Latex Crepe Factory in Kallala Estate. When the installation of the Drier and the construction of the Pale Latex Crepe Factory are completed, it is anticipated that the entire crop of Kalady Group could be processed thereby avoiding the sale of unprocessed rubber.

In Chandanappally Factory, we have erected an Electric Drier for drying crepe rubber. Steps are well under way for the erection of a set of Rollers for processing skim lump thereby avoiding the sale of skim lump.

SALES

During the year 1975-76 we have sold 4921 Metric Tonnes of various Grades of Rubber including centrifuged latex. Due to fall in price and slump in the market, there was decline in the total revenue. The average price realised during the year was Rs. 7.71 per Kg. as against Rs. 8.49 per Kg. in 1974-75. Till 1-6-1976 there were 12 Selling Agents for the sale of centrifuged latex dividing the country into six Regions. But from 1-6-76 onwards the number of Selling Agency has been reduced to 9 dividing the country into 4 Regions.

LABORATORY

A Laboratory at the Head Office for leaf and soil analysis set up during the year 1975-76 started functioning in April 1976.

PERSONNEL

The Corporation employees can be categorised into 3 Groups viz. monthly paid Officers, Staff and daily rated workers. In 1975-76 there was a reduction in the number of workers on account of the discharge of certain infirm and old workers. The number of workers as per Muster Rolls on 31-3-1976 was 5155 whereas it was 5428 on 31-3-1975. Among these workers, 2464 were tappers. While the staff strength has increased from 608 to 610 the strength of Officers has declined from 65 to 60 in 1975-76. The Public Relations Officer joined the services of the Corporation in March 1976. The vacancies of Accounts Managers and the

Deputy Personnel Manager have been filled up. Four Apprentices were appointed for various trades after 1-4-1976. The Secretary of the Corporation left the Organisation on 12-7-1976 and steps are being taken to fill up the vacancy.

Government's policy in giving employment to one of the dependants of the employees who die in harness has been continued during the reporting year and six dependants have been given employment accordingly.

The policy of giving maximum promotion opportunities to the employees was continued. From among the staff, four promotions were made under various categories. From among the workers 14 were selected to be appointed in the staff cadre.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The industrial relations during the year were smooth and cordial and there was no strike or unrest. This has reflected in the yield and the general performance of the Corporation.

Joint discussions with labour and staff Unions were conducted whenever necessary to iron out any dispute or to find out quick solutions to problems. As already mentioned above, in place of the longterm Settlement covering the service conditions of the staff which was expired on 31-3-75, a new Settlement was signed in July 1976.

As per the Memorandum of Settlement between the Staff Unions and the Management all staff members have been given the benefit of two additional increments and certain special allowances. By virtue of this Settlement the promotion channels for the staff members have been widened. In this regard it may be worth pointing out that the lowest category of staff members were given the benefit of Rs. 35/- per month in addition to the above said benefit.

LABOUR WELFARE

As was done in previous years the Company provided to its employees free accommodation, electricity, water, free uniforms to a good