

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). An Israeli Business Mission led by Mr. David Litvak, Director General of Israel Export Institute had visited India and were in Delhi on 30th and 31st March, 1992 as reported by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry & Confederation of Indian Industry. The Business Mission had discussions with the members of above mentioned industry Associations. The discussions related to possible areas of cooperation in the fields of trade and industry. These discussions were exploratory in nature and at this stage it is difficult to make an assessment about the trade potential with Israel based on such preliminary discussions.

**Loss on Sale of Shares of Public Sector Companies.**

9690. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
SHRI PANDURANG PUN-  
DLIK FUNDKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of shares of public sector companies sold by the Union Government so far;

(b) whether the Government have suffered huge loss thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the criteria adopted by the Government for evaluation of the shares of these public sector companies; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for non-recurrence of such losses in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-

WAR THAKUR): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Japanese Assistance for Various Projects**

9691. SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level meeting was held in Delhi during the last month with the representatives of the Japanese Government and the prospects of Japanese assistance for various projects including the Bakreswar power project were discussed; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) We had posed a long list of proposals for the 1992 Japanese OECF loan package. The Japanese Government Mission short-listed 12 of these projects, including the Bakreshwar Project for further discussion. The Mission had detailed discussions with the respective Administrative Ministries and Project authorities. This Government Mission will be followed by the OECF Appraisal Mission in May, 1992. Thereafter, the loan package will be finalized and announced by the Government of Japan at the Aid India Consortium Meeting to be held in June, 1992.

**Removal of Consumer goods From Negative List of Imports**

9692. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: