

तम्बाकू निर्यात में सुधार करना

97. श्री मोहन शर्मा: क्या विदेश व्यापार मन्त्री यह बातने की कृपा करेंगे कि.

(क) क्या विदेशों को विशेषकर ग्रेट ब्रिटेन को किये जाने वाले तम्बाकू के निर्यात में कमी हुई और राज्य व्यापार निगम तम्बाकू के निर्यात के लिए नई मंडियां खोजने में असफल रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज):

(क) जी नहीं। विदेशी बाजारों को तम्बाकू के निर्यात अप्रैल-दिसम्बर, 1971 की अवधि में 1970 की उसी अवधि के दौरान हुए निर्यातों की तुलना में बढ़े हैं। उक्त अवधि में ब्रिटेन को हुए निर्यातों के मूल्य में वृद्धि हुई है।

(ख) तम्बाकू अध्ययन दल ने नये बाजार ढूँढने तथा उनका अध्ययन करने के लिए ब्रिटेन तथा अन्य यूरोपीय देशों का दौरा किया।

Increase in Trade with Rupee-payment Countries

98. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase Trade with the rupee payment countries in view of the American threat to our foreign trade; and

(b) if so, salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The policy of Government is to develop and maximise

trading relations with all countries. In that context, it is Government's endeavour to develop trade with the general currency area countries including U.S.A. as well as the rupee payment area countries. The suspension of U.S. aid could, however, affect the imports under the U.S. aid programme.

(b) It is the declared policy of Government to fully exploit the potential offered for expansion of our trade with the rupee payment countries. Trade with these countries has been developing satisfactorily and Government have under constant review the possibilities of increasing the volume of such trade.

Britain's Advice to India for Association Agreement with E.E.C.

99. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Government have advised India to apply for an association agreement with the European Economic Community; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss caused by Floods

100. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss country has suffered due to floods during the period 1969 to 1971;

(b) the loss of crops, lives, property and animals, State-wise, during this period; and

(c) the steps Government proposed to take to control the havoc caused by floods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B.N. KUREEL) : (a) The damage due to floods during the years 1969 to 1971 was as follows :

(i) 1969	Rs. 333.31 crores
(ii) 1970	Rs. 307.78 crores
(iii) 1971	Rs. 631 50 crores
Total :	Rs. <u>1272.59</u> crores

(b) Statements showing damage to crops, houses, cattle, human lives and public utilities during the years 1969, 1970 and 1971 are laid on the Table of the House. (*Placed in Library See No LT-1405/72*)

(c) Measures such as construction of embankments, raising and strengthening of existing embankments, construction of drainage channels, river training works, town protection works and reservoirs with floods moderation have been undertaken in the various States for reducing damage caused by floods. The works carried out so far include construction of 7287 km. of embankments, 10150 km of drainage channel, 197 town protection schemes and raising 4585 villages. These have benefitted 63 lakh hectares. Similar measures are being continued. It has also been suggested to the State Governments of Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal where most of the flood damage takes place to implement, as quickly as possible. Some priority flood control works drawn up on the basis of experience of floods in the last three years which will help in reducing the annual recurring damage considerably.

Cost of Irrigation Projects under Construction

101. SHRI N.E. HORO : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the actual expenditure on certain irrigation projects under various stages of construction has exceeded the original estimates; and

(b) if so, the suggestions which the Central Government have put forward to the States concerned in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B.N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments have been advised to provide maximum possible allocations for completing the continuing schemes on which appreciable progress has already been made. An expert committee has also been set up to go into the reasons for rise in estimated cost of projects leading to their frequent revision and recommend measures for more realistic preparation of project reports and estimates, and suggest improvements in the present system of implementation of projects to ensure their completion within sanctioned estimated costs and according to scheduled programmes of completion.

Complaints Re. Supply of Railway Wagons to Industrial Establishments

102. SHRI N SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received from Industrial Establishments in various states regarding difficulties caused to them due to want of timely supply of Railway wagons for transportation of their products;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into such complaints; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, some complaints were received on the subject.

(b) Yes. Temporary difficulties had been due to hold up of a large number of wagons in the Eastern Sector of the country due to various anti-social activities and extensive breaches on North Eastern and Northeast Frontier Railways as also due to deployment of a large number of wagons for transport of foodgrains and other essential goods for million of refugees and heavy Defence moves.