

(a) whether India's exports are still import intensive;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated a short term action plan to ensure revival of the exports momentum and lower the import contents to achieve the current year export targets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Import intensity varies from commodity to commodity. While for high value products, such as Gems & Jewellery it is generally high, the import intensity is low in the case of exports of primary products of agricultural and mineral origin.

(c) and (d). A Short Term Action Plan for revival of export momentum was prepared based on an indepth review with the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Ministry of Commerce is acting upon the Policy measures which are within its purview e.g. EXIM Policy. As regards, lowering of import content, the EXIM POLICY of 1992-97, inter-alia, aims to promote efficient and internationally connective import substitution under a deregulated framework for foreign trade.

Self Declared Pass Book Scheme for Exporters

663. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated a self declared pass book scheme under the advance licensing scheme to simplify export procedures for specified exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The scheme along with the detailed procedure has already been notified vide Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 37(PN)/92-97 dated 12.8.92, a copy of which is available in the Library of the Parliament. The Scheme is already in operation.

[*Translation*]

Unemployed Persons in Rajasthan

664. SHRIGIRDHARILAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons in Rajasthan as on December 31, 1992 and the category thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for providing unemployment to these employed persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The number of unemployed persons as per Usual Principal Status in Rajasthan during 1987-88, on the basis of 43rd Round of National Sample Survey, was estimated at around 464,000 out of which 20.82% were educated (Matric & above). Estimates for 1992 are not available.

(b) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth, combined with faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural growth,