

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRISHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) In view of the UN Security Council resolution imposing economic sanctions of Iraq and Kuwait, trade with these countries has been banned. As a result of Gulf war, normal exports to West Asian countries and inward remittances from these countries are also adversely affected.

(b) Some of the important measures taken are the following:-

- (i) An inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee has been constituted to resolve the problems of exporters to the Gulf countries. This Committee took a number of decisions to facilitate continuance of exports to the Gulf region.
- (ii) Export promotion Councils have been requested to initiate steps to maintain the tempo of exports by exploring alternative markets for their products.
- (iii) Indian Embassies in the Gulf region were asked to identify the potential areas for stepping up exports in a big way. Feedback received from our Missions were disseminated to the Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Boards.

#### Modernisation of IISCO

33. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:  
SHRI DHARIMPAL SINGH  
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation plan of

the Burnpur unit of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited has not yet been finalised; and

(b) if so, at what stage it is?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) and (b). The Government is in the process of finalising the Modernisation Scheme of IISCO, various aspects regarding which are under examination at present.---

#### Effect of Gulf war on Bombay weather

34. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Society for Air Pollution Control has attributed the warming of Bombay weather to the enormous fuel combustion in missile rockets and supersonic flights deployed in the Gulf War,

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of the Bombay warming up as a result of the Gulf War; and

(c) its outcome and the steps being taken to countenance the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Indian Meteorological Department have conducted studies of the above normal temperatures in Bombay between 23rd January to 30th January, 1991. These studies show that the above normal temperatures in Bombay during this brief period of about one week were not in any way related to the Gulf War. These are normal meteorological variations and do not call for any action.