

Workshop organised at Madras. Several suggestions for streamlining the flow of credit to the export sector and giving incentives to exporters for stepping up their export effort by way of further relaxation in exchange control, etc. were also made in the Workshop. RBI has reported that formal communication on conclusions of the Workshop has not yet been received. The Workshop was attended to by the representatives of 46 companies, 14 banks, 8 Export Promotion Councils, 3 Chambers of Commerce and 9 other organisations and Government bodies.

Export Agreement with Hungary

7102. SHRI S.M. GURADDI:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement to boost export to Hungary has been signed; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). A meeting of the Indo-Hungarian Working Group on Trade was held in Budapest from 15th to 17th February, 1988 to review the Indo-Hungarian trade. The discussion mainly related to the expansion and diversification of bilateral trade. Non-traditional items of export such as iron ore pallets, consumer electronic goods, Maruti Cars, mopeds, etc. were also discussed. Besides conventional trade, new forms of cooperation such as joint ventures, cooperation in services sector, etc. were also discussed.

Jute Sack shortage

7103. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of woven plastic sacks have pleaded for an urgent review of the Government order so that the threat of jute sack shortage caused by strike in Jute mills is removed;

(b) if so, the response of Union Government thereto; and

(c) to what extent it has benefited the manufacturers of woven plastic sacks?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The threatened strike in private sector jute mills in the country did not materialise. The strike in NJMC Mills was also called off.

Growth Rate of Deposits

7104. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI YASHWANTRAO
GADAKH PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target for deposit mobilisation for the year 1987-88;

(b) whether the deposit mobilisation has suffered a great setback during 1987-88;

(c) if so, the extent to which deposits have decreased in comparison to 1986-87;

(d) the main reasons therefor; and