

**Inquiry into working of Industrial Reconstruction Corporation**

1821. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have since inquired into the working of Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the irregularities which have been found by Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to improve the drawbacks of this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (d). Government have not made any enquiry as such into the working of Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India. The Board of Directors of Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India, however, had appointed a One-man Committee in 1975 to review the functioning of the Corporation and to suggest measures for correcting its shortcomings. The Committee's report submitted in August 1976 has not brought out any irregularities in the working of the Corporation.

In the light of the recommendations contained in the One-man Committee Report, the Board of Directors of the Corporation has taken steps to strengthen the organisation and streamline the procedure for dealing with assisted units.

**Import of Capital Goods**

1822. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of capital goods consisting of

manufactures of metals, machinery and transport equipment has declined in 1977-78 as compared to 1976-77;

(b) whether imports of consumer goods, raw materials and intermediate goods have accounted for a higher proportion of imports in 1977-78 than in 1976-77; and

(c) if so, what steps, if any, are under consideration of Government to regulate imports so as to step up investment in economy and to avoid imports of non-essentials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) and (b). Based on the latest official data available for the first 10 months of 1977-78, statistics showing India's imports in respect of important groups falling under categories referred to in the question are as follows:—

**IMPORTS**

Categories	(Rs. Crores)	
	April-1976	January-1977
	1976-77	1977-78
<b>A. Capital goods</b>		
1. Manufactures of metals	27	32
2. Machinery & transport equipment	867	911
Sub-total of specified groups	894	943
<b>B. Consumer goods</b>		
1. Food articles including cereals and cereal preparations	886	188
2. Vegetable oils 'soft'	64	405
3. Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	46	56
Sub-total of specified groups	996	649