

Proposal to Constitute Cashew Board

775 SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to constitute a Cashew Board on the lines of Rubber Board, Cardamom Board, etc; for the development of Cashew industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN). (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of Government.

Examination of the Export Consignments of Fabrics and Garments to Foreign Countries

776. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textiles Committee, Bombay has been assigned the task of examining export consignments of fabrics and garments;

(b) whether the Committee has pointed out re-offering imported materials, tempering with seals and certificates altering numbers of cartons, opening sealed cartons and the replacement of goods after they were examined by the inspectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) action taken against the exporters on the basis of the Report?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Textiles Committee has pointed out certain irregularities with regard to the consignments produced for inspection.

(c) and (d). The details of cases from 1975 onwards are being collected

and would be laid on the Table of the House.

West German Businessmen interested in expanding commercial ties with India

777. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether West German businessmen are evincing interest in expanding commercial ties with India;

(b) if so, whether any proposals have been received from them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A 16-member delegation of senior German industrialists visited India from 2—11 November, 1980. During their discussions in the Commerce Ministry, the need for strengthening the trade and economic relations between India and Federal Republic of Germany was emphasised. It was felt that there was potential for setting up of export-oriented ventures and collaboration in third country projects. Interest was also shown for production and marketing tie-ups. It was also agreed that efforts should be made to strengthen the existing institutional mechanisms with a view to increasing and diversifying the Indo-FRG trade

Agreement for supply of Iron-ore to Pakistan

778. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Pakistan agreement has been signed during Oct., 1980 to supply iron ore to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the agreement?