

result of thefts, inspite of the fact that the Steel Plant maintains a big security force headed by an I.P.S. to guard the gates?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) It is not correct to say that loss of valuable machinery, parts and equipments, is a regular feature in Durgapur Steel Plant

(b) Five typewriters were stolen from the Rolling Mill office on the night of 29-4-1967

(c) The value of Plant property lost as a result of thefts reported during the last three years in Durgapur Steel Plant amounted to Rs 5,14,466

Export of Leather Goods

6392. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a big rise in export of leather goods;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether steps are being taken to export more leather goods?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). As compared to the 1963-64 figure of \$ 6.5 million, exports of leather goods went up to \$ 9.69 million in 1965-66. In 1966-67 there was a slight decline with exports at \$ 9.66 million.

(c) The following are the more important steps taken to promote the exports of leather goods:

(i) Import replenishment is allowed against export of leather goods to cover their import requirements;

(ii) Draw back of duties are allowed against export of leather goods; and

(iii) Finished Leather & Leather Manufactures Export Promotion Council set up at Kanpur for promotion of export of leather goods also undertakes promotional activities by way of sending delegations study teams and sales teams for on the spot study of markets, participation in exhibitions and conducting market survey and publicity abroad. These activities are subsidized from Market Development fund to a large extent.

Movement of Water by Rail to Scarcity Areas

6393. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Onkar Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a part of the relief measures, Indian Railways have taken up movement of water to certain scarcity areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha): (a) Yes. The Central, Northern and Eastern Railways have been asked by the State Governments to carry water to certain stations. The Railways have mobilised sufficient tankwagons for this purpose.

(b) The details are shown in the annexure laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT-1143/67]

Trade Agreement against Rupee Clearance Accounts

6394. Shri N. K. P. Salve: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any enquiries to ascertain as to whether the goods imported from countries with whom India has rupee