

exported during the year 1967-68 and the estimated earnings of foreign exchange thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (c). The quantity and value of jute and jute goods exported in the last two years and the estimates for 1967-68 are given below:

Year	Raw Jute		Jute Goods	
	Tonnes	Rs. Crores	Tonnes	Rs. Crores
1965-66	18,955	2.89	8,95,400	182.71
1966-67	37,139	8.42	7,34,200	235.20
1967-68	12,000	2.50	7,72,000	240.10
(Estimates)				

Raw jute export mainly were to the USSR and Nepal. As regards jute goods, the principal importing countries were the following :

United States of America
 United Kingdom
 U. S. S. R.
 Australia
 Newzealand
 Belgium
 West Germany
 Netherlands
 France
 Bulgaria
 Yugoslavia
 Czecholovakia
 Hungary
 G. D. R.
 Rumania
 U. A. R.
 Nigeria
 Sudan
 Indonesia
 Ethiopia
 Ghana
 Syria
 Kenya
 Canada
 Chile
 Iran
 Uganda
 Argentina
 Peru

Export of Cloth

7271. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWD-HURY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of superior quality of cotton, silk, rayon and other varieties of cloth is being exported;

(b) If so, the names of countries where it has been exported during the last two years; and

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange earned from their exports during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 881/68]

Foreign Investments

7272. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA : SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the *Hindustan Times* of the 1st March, 1968 that Sir Norman Kipping, senior adviser on Overseas Affairs to the Confederation of British Industry, considers that the climate for foreign investments in India is quite good;

(b) whether he had any talks with Government in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of a news-item which appeared in the *National Herald* on the 21st of March (Not the *Hindustan Times* of the 1st of March) regarding the views of Sir Norman Kipping on foreign investment climate in India.

(b) and (c). During his recent visit to India, Sir Norman Kipping had discussions with the Government mainly regarding operation of U. K. credits for imports needed by Indian industry (which are popularly known as Kipping Loans),

although the investment climate in India was also briefly referred to.

Survey of Iron Mines in Mysore

7273. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI D. N. DEB :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that three Japanese trading firms have agreed with the Minerals and Metals Development Corporation of India and Marcona Corporation of U.S.A. to conduct a basic survey of the Kudremukh iron ore mines in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) :

(a) and (b). No agreement has been reached by Japanese trading firms with the National Mineral Development Corporation and Marcona Corporation of U.S.A. for conducting a basic survey. As a matter of fact, survey and prospecting have been almost completed by the National Mineral Development Corporation. However, due to the complex nature of the magnetite deposits at Kudremukh and non-availability of equipment and technical know-how in the country, discussions were held by the Corporation with Marconas and three Japanese trading firms with a view to undertake detailed pilot plant studies at site for evolving that most economic exploitation scheme. The proposal for undertaking Pilot Plant tests is under consideration.

Joint Ventures in Singapore

7274. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Trade team left for Singapore to explore the possibilities of setting up of Joint Ventures ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI

MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). A Sales Team sponsored by the Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Soaps Export Promotion Council, Bombay, recently visited certain South East Asian and Far Eastern countries including Singapore for promoting the exports of the products falling under the purview of the Council. It is understood that this Team did not explore possibilities of setting up joint ventures in Singapore.

Transfer of Commercial Staff on the Railways

7275. SHRI O. P. TYAGI :
SHRI N. SREEKANTAN
NAIR :
SHRI RAM SEVAK YADAV :
SHRI UMANATH :
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Administration are aware that commercial staff who are subject to transfer after every five years have to face considerable difficulties in arranging their accommodation because of the prevalence of system of 'pugrees' in big cities ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove their difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Standardisation of Supply of Uniforms to Railway Employees

7276. SHRI O. P. TYAGI :
SHRI N. SREEKANTAN
NAIR :
SHRI RAM SEVAK YADAV :
SHRI UMANATH :
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee set up by the Railway Board for standardisation of supply of uniforms to the Railway employees has recommended the supply of uniforms to those of the Railway employees who come in public contact ;