

Trade Between India and Mexico

*809. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that trade between India and Mexico has increased considerably during the last two years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The two-way trade between India and Mexico has not increased during the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 as compared to 1981-82. The full year's figures for 1984-85 are not yet available.

Modernising Mining Methods

*810. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise mining methods in the country ;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked in the Seventh Five Year Plan for this purpose ;

(c) the scheme prepared therefore and

(d) the steps taken in this regard in the Sixth Five Year Plan period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (d). Modernisation of mining methods is a continuing process. Steps taken in regard to mining are generally a part and parcel of the mining project. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate precisely the investment in this regard.

Steps taken in the 6th Plan and pro-

posed to be continued in the 7th Plan, in regard to coal, mines, include introduction of large capacity excavation equipment, mechanisation, modern power support longwall equipment, tele-monitoring systems etc.

Similarly, in the mines of public sector units engaged in the production of non-ferrous metals, modern equipment and techniques are being introduced where possible.

Educating Public Against Smuggling and its Effect

5964. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps for educating the public opinion against smuggling and its bad effect on economy ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the progress made in the matter ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to dispel the craze for foreign goods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Steps taken for educating the public regarding the harmful effects of smuggling on economy and to discourage the craze for foreign goods include the following :

(i) Suitable insertions in newspapers on all-India basis and carrying out of special supplements by the newspapers ;

(ii) Radio broadcast of a feature, entitled "Phoren peddlers" produced by All India Radio on behalf of the Customs Department ;

(iii) Exhibition in cinemas all over the country of two documentary