

considered. As the pay scales of the Assistants of the Central Secretariat Service and Stenographers Grade 'C' of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service were revised to set right an anomaly and as no such anomaly exists in the pay scales of the Section Officers and the Gazetted Stenographers, it has not been found necessary to revise their pay scales.

Foreign Tours Undertaken by Ministers

332. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI:
SHRI GULAB CHAND
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delegations that went abroad and foreign tours undertaken by the Ministers of the Union Government during 1990;

(b) the expenditure incurred by Government on account of these tours; and

(c) the reasons necessitating such foreign tours visits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). Such information is not centrally available and will have to be collected from all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the result to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in collecting the information.

Construction of Aquarium at Paradeep

333. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct an aquarium at Paradeep; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

HR-Strips Mill at Sambalpur in Orissa

334. SHRI LOKANATH CHAUDHURY:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have turned down a proposal of Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Limited (IPICOL) for the establishment of a HR-Strips Mill at Sambalpur in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) and (b). The application of the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL) for setting up a 6 Lakh tpa composite steel plant in Sambalpur District was rejected in July, 1988 as the policy at that time did not permit the establishment of such plants.

Exports and Imports

335. SHRI LOKANATH
CHAUDHURY:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
SHASTRI:
SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports and imports during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, till date, month-wise;

(b) the value of exports and imports expected during the rest of the year 1990-91; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the export earnings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDASPATEL):

(a) A statement is given below.

(b) It is difficult to estimate the exports and imports expected during the rest of 1990-91 at this stage.

(c) The key elements of the export strategy are availability of raw materials, components and capital goods at near world prices, strengthening export incentive schemes, improvement in the infrastructural facilities and efficient demand management policies. Simultaneously, efforts are also being made to increase exports to hard currency areas and to cut export costs.

STATEMENT

(Value : Rs. Crores)

Month	1989-90 (P)		1990-91 (P)	
	Export	Import	Export	Import
1	2	3	4	5
April	1957.70	2278.23	2460.57	3225.11
May	2065.60	2691.99	2620.39	2992.11
June	1972.17	2644.99	2313.57	2925.76
July	2010.55	2382.71	2506.19	2977.62
August	1976.70	2471.11	2429.27	3203.11
September	2211.41	2610.80	2567.30	3775.37
October	2203.56	2762.43	2620.69	3711.74
November	2138.27	2815.15		
December	2322.74	3186.30		
January	2605.20	3192.78		
February	2402.67	3099.86		
March	3173.17	3337.84		

P: Provisional

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.