

Export Policy

- *249. { Shri Mohammed Koya:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Daji:
Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to evolve a national Export Policy on the lines of the National Industrial Policy; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring forth any resolution to this effect during the current Session of Parliament?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Draft Policy Statement on Export Promotion is at present under consideration of Government in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(b) It is proposed to place this Draft Policy Statement before the Parliament after it has been considered by the National Development Council, which is due to meet on 5th and 6th September, 1965 and thereafter by the Cabinet.

Development Bank for Asia

- *250. { Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri Warior:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri Kanakasabai:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been sounded of a proposal mooted by the World

Bank to open a regional bank in Asia for financing Asian development projects; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the proposal?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir. The proposal was mooted by the Asian countries through a resolution adopted by the ECAFE on economic co-operation in the ECAFE region, and an expert group was appointed by the ECAFE which studied the problem and submitted a report recommending *inter alia* that an Asian Development Bank be set up.

(b) The proposal has been supported in principle and the details are now being examined. The matter is likely to be discussed further at an ECAFE meeting to be held in October, this year.

Export of Books

- *251. { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop export trade in text books and technological publications;

(b) if so, the estimated demand for these items; and

(c) the facilities proposed to be extended to encourage this line of export trade?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A scheme to promote exports of books in general is already in operation.

(b) Text books and technological publications are in demand in all developing countries. Some of the neighbouring countries import this item to the tune of about Rs. 6 crores annually.

(c) A special export promotion scheme for books, journals publications etc. is already in operation. A