

Export of Steel

*1290. **Shri Firodia:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed an export target of 3 lakh tons of steel including rails and pipes to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which it will be exported; and

(c) the terms on which it is to be exported?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) A provisional target of approximately 500,000 tonnes of finished steel has been fixed for export during 1966-67. The categories of steel proposed to be exported are rounds and flats, rails, structurals, sheets of 10—14 gauge and chequered plates, and a small quantity of billets.

(b) and (c). It will be premature at this stage to specify the countries to which these will be exported as well as the terms of export. These will depend largely on the demand and market conditions in the various countries.

Consortia of Exporters

*1291. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Mudaliar Committee' has recommended special facilities to consortia of exporters;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations have been accepted;

(c) whether any special facilities have been given to any consortia of exporters so far; and

(d) if so, the facilities extended?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) Special facilities to be extended to consortia of exporters are de-

termined on the basis of requirements in each case. Such facilities have, in the past, included exclusive right to export globally or to a territory, assistance from the Marketing Development Fund to promote exports and release of foreign exchange and grants-in-aid for visits abroad to conclude export business.

चार सदस्यों के रेलवे दल का अमरीका का दौरा

*1292. **श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :**
श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :
श्री बलजीत सिंह :
श्री फिरोजिया :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है, कि 8 अप्रैल, 1966 को चार सदस्यों का एक रेलवे दल ऋण प्राप्त करने के लिए अमरीका गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उमका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) ऋण किस काम में लाया जायेगा?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाब नाथ) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) . यह दल विश्व बैंक (World Bank) की एक सम्बद्ध संस्था, इंटरनेशनल डेवेलपमेंट एसोसियेशन के साथ एक कर्ज की शर्तों के बारे में बात करेगा । इस कर्ज से रेलवे कार्यक्रम, खास तौर पर रोलिंग स्टॉक के पुर्जों इलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन, सिगनलिंग, कारखाने की मशीनें आदि, के लिए जरूरी विदेशी मुद्रा की प्रदायगी की जायेगी । इस सिलसिले में इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायेगा कि रेलवे सामान और पुर्जों का खर्च पूरा करने के लिए अन्य (द्विपक्षीय) रकम कितनी मात्रा में उपलब्ध है ।