

(f) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLAI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). India's total exports to the Gulf countries (6 GCC countries viz. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia & UAE) during the past 3 years have been increasing. During 1994-95, exports increased by 2.3% over the previous year; the increase in 1995-96 was 19% over 1994-95 figures; export growth in 1996-97 has been over 36% during the first quarter when compared with last year.

India's export in textiles garments, plastic & rubber sectors, the position during last 3 years exports to Gulf is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)			
Item	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Textiles	864.83	1041.59	1201.96
Garments	574.03	459.72	552.20
Plastics	258.72	292.06	268.89
Rubber	94.04	128.74	196.13

Export of garments declined in 1994-95 to the extent of 19.9% over 1993-94 figures, but picked up in 1995-96. In the plastic sector exports marginally declined by 7.90% in 1995-96 compared with 1994-95. In other cases export growth has ranged from 12% to 50% over the previous year. In sectors like textiles, garments, machinery, and electrical equipments, Chinese Exports to the gulf have reportedly grown at a faster pace. However, part of the goods sourced from China are, it is understood, re-exported from Hong Kong & Singapore. Chinese goods in turn are reportedly are exported from the Gulf to Iran, North Africa and East Africa. These factors and non availability of authentic data precludes a precise conclusion from an analysis of relative growth item by item.

However, steps are taken on continuous basis to increase our exports in competition to other countries. Some of these are as under:-

- (i) Participation in International fairs and exhibitions;
- (ii) ingraining competitiveness in manufacturer and product quality;
- (iii) exchange of delegation both at official and business level to identify and expand opportunities and diversification of the export basket.
- (iv) improve export facilitation.

Industries in Assam

4563. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the North Eastern States particularly in Assam for setting up of small, medium and heavy industries for the generation of employment;

(b) if so, the number of industries set up and started functioning during each of the last three years in private and public sector in the said States; and

(c) the details of industries given subsidy such as industry subsidy, transport subsidy and such other subsidies to generate employment in industries in the N.E. States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Working results of Associate Banks of S.B.I.

4564. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of associate banks of State Bank of India as on date;

(b) the working results of each of the associate banks during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to amalgamate all these banks; and

(d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) At present there are seven Associate Banks of State Bank of India.

(b) The profit/losses of these banks, bank-wise, during the last three years, is furnished below:-

(Rupees in crores)				
Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	As on 31.3.94	As on 31.3.95	As on 31.3.96
1.	State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur	6.50	8.04	25.79
2.	State Bank of Hyderabad	24.48	43.60	50.00