

(b) if so, the names of the projects implementation of which has been delayed and the names of the foreign collaborators involved; and

(c) the reasons due to which their execution has been delayed by the foreign parties/countries concerned?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export Markets

765. Dr. Karni Singh:
Shri N. K. Somani:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why India has not been able to expand her export markets;

(b) the items for which prices are found not competitive in foreign markets; and

(c) whether the quality and trade practices also are factors for our poor performance in exports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) It is not correct to say that India has not expanded her export market. India's exports during the five years of the Third Plan Period (commencing 61-62) amounted to Rs. 3812 crores which was 20 to 25 per cent. more than the exports during the first two plans.

(b) Even though devaluation has resulted in many of the commodities gaining competitive strength, Indian costs of certain items like engineering goods, chemicals and allied products, ferro manganese, coal, sugar etc. still remain higher than the international prices.

(c) The quality and business practices have certainly bearing on the country's export trade. About 80 per cent. of Indian exports are now moving under Quality Control and pre-shipment inspection, which is having a healthy effect on our exports.

Effect of Devaluation on Industries

766. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the industries, small or otherwise, which were handicapped due to the devaluation of the rupee last year and how they have been helped to overcome the handicaps;

(b) which of such industries are still suffering from handicaps and how are they being helped; and

(c) whether any of such industries have been closed down or are not working to full capacity?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The names of the industries which have generally been effected adversely due to devaluation is given in the list (Appendix I). [Placed in Library, See No. LT-313/87].

But there has not been any appreciable adverse effect on devaluation on Small Scale Industries.

2. Measures taken to counter the effect of devaluation are also given in (Appendix II) of the list. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-313/87].

(c) No, Sir.

Maheshwari Devi Jute Mills, Kanpur

767. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maheshwari Devi Jute Mills, Kanpur is being taken over by Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any investigations have been made into the mis-management of the mills; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shah Qureshi):

(a) No, Sir.