

Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri A. K. Khakur:
 Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
 Shri C. C. Desai:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
 Shri S. N. Matti:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the devaluation of rupee which was supposed to boost exports has in reality led to the decline in exports;

(b) if so, the quantum of fall in exports;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures Government propose to adopt to boost exports and to retrieve the lost foreign market in the various commodities?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) (c) and (d). Replies were given to identical questions on 31st March, 1967 in answer to Parts (a), (c) and (d) of question No. 188.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-418/67].

Export Incentive Scheme

585. Shri Lladhar Koteki:
 Shri S. E. Damani:
 Shri N. E. Laskar:
 Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:
 Shri E. Barua:
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
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Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exporters of various items are given any incentives to

boost up the exports in foreign markets;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to suggest suitable modifications in the export incentive schemes?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). As a measure to help exports, the import policy for registered exporters of various export products has been so devised as to ensure uninterrupted flow of imported raw materials etc. needed for manufacturing export products. There is also a scheme providing for cash assistance against export of some selected items such as Engineering goods, chemicals, plastics and allied products, prime iron and steel etc. The rate of such assistance now varies generally between 10 per cent and 20 per cent.

Further, it has been decided that prime iron and steel will be supplied at international prices to fabricators of engineering goods for export.

(c) Measures to help exports are being kept under continuous review.

Board of Trade

586. Shri Lladhar Koteki:
 Shri N. E. Laskar:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wind up the Board of Trade; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

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587. श्री बेनीशंकर शर्मा :

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