

profits in 1973-74 than the previous year; and

(b) if so, the reasons and particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to a study of 355 non-Government non-financial public limited companies, each with a paid up capital of Rs. 1 crore and above by the Reserve Bank of India in December, 1974, the rate of growth in the value of production being faster than that in the total expenditure (excluding interest charges), there was an increase in the growth of gross profits in 1973-74.

Import of Playing Cards

6736. **SHRI AMBESH :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether playing cards are imported; and

(b) if so, the amount spent for the import of playing cards during the last three years, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) :

(a) Import of playing cards are not permitted under the Import Trade Control Policy. However, playing cards might have been imported as advertising material for small values under the Open General Licence which permits imports upto Rs. 400 in one consignment of any advertising material.

(b) The value of actual imports of playing cards during the years 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 has been of the order of Rs. 341, Rs. 11,412 and Rs. 1,046 respectively.

Export of Army Software by S.T.C.

6737. **SHRI PURUSHOITAM KAKODKAR :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the exports of army software, State Trading Corporation has made a big dent in oil rich countries; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1974-75, the STC entered into contracts worth Rs. 17.47 crores for export of army software to countries in West Asia. Exports against these contracts amounted to Rs. 6.80 crores during 1974-75 as against exports of Rs. 0.82 crore in 1973-74.

Representation from Employees of M/s. Grindlays Bank

6738. **SHRI INDRAJITI GUPTA :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been received in March 1975 from the employees of M/s. Grindlays Bank alleging serious management malpractices relating to foreign exchange remittances, denial of facilities to small depositors and harassment of staff in the name of efficiency;

(b) if so, the contents thereof; and

(c) Government's action in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) :

(a) and (b) Representations have been received in March, 1975 from the employees of M/s. Grindlays Bank alleging anti-labour practices by the management.

(c) At the instance of the Union Labour Minister, the parties have started mutual dialogue.

One per cent Excise Duty

6739. **SHRI SHARAD YADAV :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have undery estimated 1% excise (ad valorem) dut in the Union Budget for 1975-76; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Full and detailed information with regard to the duty likely to be realised from the 1% levy from a large number of units spread all over India in different Collectorates has not so far been received. It is, therefore, not possible to say

whether the revenue from this levy will exceed the estimate of Rs. 24 crores.

(b) Question does not arise.

Foreign Aid in 1975-76

6740. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the quantum of foreign aid to be made available to India during 1975-76;

(b) if so, which are the countries that have assured this aid:

(c) the amount of aid likely to be given by U.S.A.; and

(d) what are the projects that will be undertaken out of these loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) Receipts on account of external assistance to India during 1975-76 has been estimated at about Rs. 1250 crores. This aid would be disbursed out of aid already committed as well as fresh commitments to be entered into during 1975-76.

(b) Agreements for fresh commitments for aid for 1975-76 have been concluded with France and Netherlands.

(c) About Rs. 100 crores is likely to be available from USA out of aid already committed upto the end of 1974-75.

(d) Projects in sector like fertiliser, coal, power, tele-communications, railways, agricultural development including irrigation, urban development including water supply are likely to be financed out of these loans.

विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय व्यापार मिशन

6741. श्री मूलकन्द ढापा : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस समय विदेशों में 53 भारतीय व्यापार मिशन हैं और यदि हां, तो वे देश कौन-कौन से हैं;

(ख) इस समय इनमें से प्रत्येक मिशन पर सरकार को कितना प्रशासनिक खर्चा करना पड़ता है और क्या सरकार यह भी जांच करती है कि विभिन्न देशों में कार्य कर रहे ये व्यापार

मिशन कुछ उपयोगी कार्य कर रहे हैं अथवा नहीं और यदि हां, तो किस प्रकार ;

(ग) इन भारतीय व्यापार मिशनों के कृत्य क्या है और क्या सरकार उन व्यापार मिशनों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही करती है जो भली भाँति कार्य नहीं कर रहे हैं और उनके खिलाफ किस प्रकार की कार्यवाही की जाती है; और

(घ) क्या वर्ष 1972 से अब तक किसी व्यापार मिशन के खिलाफ कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह) : (क) से (घ) एक विवरण संलग्न है ।

विवरण

विदेशों में 53 भारतीय मिशन हैं । जहाँ ये केन्द्र स्थित हैं उनमें और 1974-75 के दौरान सरकार द्वारा किया जाने वाला व्यय नीचे दिया गया है :—

	(रुपयों में)
1. लन्दन . . .	7,50,400
2. पेरिस . . .	5,32,000
3. रोम . . .	4,11,000
4. स्टाकहोल्म . . .	2,33,200
5. जनीवा . . .	4,15,600
6. बर्न . . .	2,38,900
7. डूसेल्स . . .	8,01,400
8. फ्रैंकफर्ट . . .	6,46,100
9. हैम्बर्ग . . .	4,99,600
10. वान . . .	1,81,000
11. बेलग्रेड . . .	2,13,100
12. बुखारेस्ट . . .	1,23,600
13. बुडापेस्ट . . .	1,37,000
14. मास्को . . .	5,52,300
15. प्राग . . .	1,90,500
16. वार्सा . . .	3,64,400
17. न्यूयार्क . . .	7,13,600