

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) Indo-German Trade has increased by 10 per cent during 1976-77 (April—February) over the corresponding period of 1975-76.

(c) Our trade with the following countries has doubled: Austria, Finland, Turkey, Mauritania, Reunion, Upper Volta, West Africa Spanish, Burundi, Guinea, Ethiopia, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Kuwait, Libya, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Laos and Vietnam.

(d) The steps being taken by the Government for increasing the exports to all the countries are conducting of market surveys, sending sales delegations, holding of Indian exhibitions, participation in International exhibitions, commercial publicity, granting soft credits, concluding of Trade Agreements, holding of Trade talks at Government level, tendering for international tenders, opening offices of export promotion organisations, carrying out product adaptation through Commercial Development Programmes with some West European countries, finalising Trade Plans with Rupee Arrangement countries mostly in East Europe on enhanced level every year, providing various incentives to exporters, monitoring of quality control and production inputs, encouraging high level contracts with foreign businessmen and Governments through our Commercial Missions and collection and dissemination of information through our Commercial Missions and other sources.

(e) No. Sir.

**Exports during 1977-78**

3685. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND

COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed by the present Government for exporting engineering goods, handloom, synthetic textiles, textile machinery, machine tools, H.M.T., exports items, telephone equipments and woollen knit-wear during 1977-78; and

(b) the net exports of the above items in the first quarter of 1977-78?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) The export targets are formulated generally for main product groups. Exports target of engineering goods (including textile machinery, machine tools, HMT exports, telephone equipments) for 1977-78 are tentatively placed in the range of Rs. 625 to 650 crores, and textiles (including handloom, synthetic textiles and woollen knit-wear) Rs. 745 to 755 crores.

(b) Commodity-wise statistics for the first quarter of 1977-78 are not available at present.

**Slump in Garment Business**

3686. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a slump in the garment business particularly in the capital;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the number of garment units in the capital wound up; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard to encourage the ready-made garments business for the export purposes?

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