

Invitation for Engineering Fair to Italian Government

1468. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman of the Trade Fair Authority of India has made a statement that the Italian Government has been invited to Engineering Fair (recently held) as a "Partner Country"

(b) if so, the reasons for assigning this special treatment to Italy;

(c) whether there is any agreement with Italian Government in this regard;

(d) if so, when this agreement was arrived at; and

(e) the details of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) :

(a) No, Sir. The Engineering Fair was organised at Pargati Maidan, New Delhi and the status of Partner Country given to Italy by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry, a private organisation.

(b) The organisers of the fair have stated that the status of Partner Country was given to Italian participation on the basis of the size of participation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Filling up of Posts of Heads of Public Undertakings

1469. SHRI BALASAHEB VEKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to weed out inefficient/non-result-oriented heads of public sector undertakings;

(b) whether any exercise has been taken in hand in this regard;

(c) the number of posts of Chairman—Managing Directors of public sector

undertakings, lying vacant at present; and

(d) the time by which those posts are likely to be filled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Government is constantly reviewing various aspects of the management of public enterprises, including change in personnel, with a view to improve their performance. The Chief Executives of public enterprise are given an initial tenure of two years and their performance is kept under close watch through periodical performance review meetings. The extension of their tenure depends on satisfactory performance.

(c) and (d). According to available information, there are 19 public enterprises which do not have full time Chief Executives at present. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have already made recommendations to the Government for filling 13 posts and the selections for the remaining six vacancies are under their active consideration. Appointments to these vacancies are likely to be made shortly.

Export of iron ore to China Through Paradip Port

1470. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the export of iron ore to China through Paradip Port came into force in 1983-84; and

(b) if so, the total tonnage of iron ore proposed to be exported to various countries, country-wise for the year 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) In November, 1983, a contract was signed by MMTC for shipment of 30,000 tonnes of iron ore to China from