

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports in engineering goods have lagged behind due to poor quality control and deviation from samples actually given while getting orders and actual supplies ;

(b) the corrective steps proposed to overcome the situation ;

(c) whether Government have withdrawn recognition and other benefits to such industrialists and blacklisted them ; and

(d) if so, the list of such blacklisted industrialists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) There has been no decline in exports of engineering goods from India due to poor quality and deviation from approved samples. A number of engineering products are covered by the scheme of compulsory quality control and pre-shipment inspection under the provisions of Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act 1963. None of these products is allowed for export unless it has been inspected and tested to ensure that it meets the specifications recognised by the Government which in some appropriate cases are the contractual specifications. The Export Inspection Council has been directed to review the existing specifications of engineering products recognised by the Central Government for export and to upgrade them in tune with international standards to enable Indian engineering products to create better demand in Foreign markets.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Substantial Hike in Coal Prices as Pre-condition for World Bank Financing of Projects in India

5089 : SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state ;

(a) whether the world Bank has asked his Ministry for a substantial hike in the coal prices as a condition to finance certain projects in India ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have accepted the conditions ; and

(c) if so, the details of the conditions laid down and the projects likely to be aided by the world Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) World Bank has appraised Gevra and Sonapur Bazari Coal Projects for a likely assistance of \$ 145 million. Details are under discussion with the Bank.

Investment by Multinational Corporations in India

5089-A. SHRI B. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state : the actual capital investment in India by various multinational Corporations for the last three years, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : There is no accepted definition of Multinational Corporations. For practical purposes, companies having more than 40% nonresident interest (popularly known as FERA companies) are treated as Multi-national companies. The information regarding capital investments in India by FERA companies as of 31st October, 1985 will be collected and laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Drug Menace in Cosmopolitan Cities

5089-B. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that drug menace in cosmopolitan cities like Bombay and Delhi has recently increased enormously and has led to the rise of international drug trafficking centres ;

(b) the approximate number of addicts in the above cities and the measures Government propose to take or have already taken to highlight the evils of such addiction and combat the false glamour in the general public ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large part of the processing of opium into different stages of heroin is now taking place in the country ;

(d) whether there is growing foreign connection with the principal organisers of the trade ; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to weed out the local peddlers and their backers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A comprehensive survey is being undertaken to assess the nature and extent of the problem of drug abuse which is expected to be completed by the middle of 1986.

The Government has also been continuously making efforts to educate people about the drug abuse by publicity through mass communication media and also by encouraging voluntary organisations through grants for educative publicity.

Sponsored radio programmes entitled 'NAYA SAVERA' and "AKHIR KYON" have been launched to disseminate message against drug-abuse.

To make the publicity more interesting, T.V. play competitions have been sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare in the universities corresponding to 9 regional T. V. stations. Cash prizes of the value of Rs. 5,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- have been offered to the top three prize winning teams in each region. Besides, a grant-in aid of Rs. 5,000/- has been offered to each host university.

(c) Few stray cases of attempted processing of opium into heroin have come to the notice of the Government.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of narcotics. Appropriate anti smuggling measures are taken in consultation with the State Government authorities.

The matter regarding checking of smuggling of narcotics across the Indo-Pak. border was also discussed at the second meeting of the India Pakistan Joint Commission held from the 2nd to 4th July, 1985 at New Delhi.

Close co-operation with the international agencies concerned is also maintained to curb smuggling of drugs.

A new Act, namely, "The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985" has been brought force with effect from 14th November, 1985 which, *inter alia*, provides for stringent penalties for drug trafficking offences.

12.00 hrs.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bunkura) Will the Government make a statement regarding the visit of the Indian delegation to South Africa? They were given civic reception in South Africa (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have sent you the reply.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : We can discuss it next time. There is no problem.

(Interruptions)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mehboobnagar) : The Minister had said the other day that he would come before the House with a clarification. The Indian group which went to South Africa was given civic reception.....