

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) to (c) The Government are not aware of any supply of iron scrap to Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC) by the Bombay Port Trust (BPT). However, BPT has requested MSTC not to import foreign flag ships for breaking for delivery at Bombay. They are, however, allowing breaking of Indian flag vessels at Bombay. No effect on the labour force has been reported since it is being used to break the Indian flag vessels there.

#### India's Position in World Pepper Market

5035. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India lost its position in the world Pepper market ;

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

(c) the steps being taken to regain India's lost position in this trade ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) India is one of main exporters of pepper to the world market. India's share in the world pepper trade during the last four years has been as under :

1981	14%
1982	16%
1983	22%
1984	20%

However, viewed over a longer period, there is a relative decline mainly due to emergence of Brazil as an important supplier of pepper to the world market.

(c) Various steps have been taken for increasing production and productivity of pepper. Under the aegis of the International Pepper Community, international cooperation is achieved. Other promotional measures such as participation in fairs, visits of business delegations etc. are being taken.

#### Proposal to Increase Tourism in Lakshwadweep

5036. SHRI P. A. ANTHONY : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the frequency of shipping services between Calicut and Lakshwadweep especially for tourists ; and

(b) whether there is any other proposal to increase tourism in Lakshwadweep ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) There is no proposal under consideration for introducing passenger shipping services between Calicut and Lakshadweep.

(b) The Government proposes promoting tourism to Lakshadweep Islands on a selective basis keeping in view the ecological and environmental considerations and the availability of infrastructure.

#### Complaints against corruption in Banks

5037. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the general complaints regarding corrupt practices being indulged in by bank officials while disbursing loan to the weaker sections unemployed persons and other categories under the 20-Point Programme ;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during this years, State-wise ; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) The present data reporting system does not yield information in the manner asked for. However, in respect of schemes, which are being

implemented on a large scale throughout the country, there may be a few instances of complaints regarding delay, non-sanctioning of loans/faulty distribution of loans, avaiement of loan by non-eligible persons, mis-utilisation of loans and complaints involving bank officials in the matter of distribution of loans etc. Specific complaints of malpractices or corruption on the part of bank officials, whenever received by the Government, are got investigated and suitable action is taken by the respective banks against the delinquent employees.

**Details of cases Registered against Officers of Apparel Export Promotion Council**

5038. SHRI U. H. PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether cases have been registered by CBI against some Government officers, officers of Apparel Export Promotion Council and the garment exporters in February—March, 1985 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the outcome of such cases ; and

(d) the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Export of Granite Boulders**

5039. SHRI MULLAPPLLY RAMA-CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries to which huge granise bould-ers are being exported from the New Mangalore port in Karnataka ;

(b) the purpose for which these are exported ;

(c) the annual income from this during the last three years ; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned from the above export in 1983—85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Granite boulders are being exported from the New Mangalore Port in Karnataka to Japan, West Germany, Italy, Taiwan, USA, Hong Kong, South Korea, Spain, etc.,

(b) These granite boulders are being exported for being used in construction of mounments, manufacture of polished granite tiles, preparation of decorative panel, floorings etc.,

(c) and (d) The foreign exchange earned on export of granite blocks during the last 3 years are as under :

	(Rupees in Crores)
1982-83	10.29
1983-84	18.48
1984-85	32.76

**Trade Contracts Signed between India and USSR**

5040. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any trade contract between India and the USSR has been signed consequent to the India International Trade Fair ;

(b) if so, the total value of the trade contracts ; and

(c) the main products involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as it is available.

**Growth Target in Mining Sector during Seventh Five Year Plan**

5041. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :