

**Production of Goods which are Imported**

5071 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether and to what extent the value of total import exceeds value of total export from India in 1985 ;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to identify those goods now imported that are capable of being produced manufactured indigenously, details thereof ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to reduce/curb the import of goods and to increase exports ?

THE MINISTR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) (a) to (c) According to the provisional data available (updated till July, 1985), during 1984-85, India's total imports exceeded total exports by Rs. 5319.21 crores.

Continous efforts have been and are being made by the Government to raise the indigenus production of bulk items of impo like crude oil and petroleum products, fertilizers, steel cement synthetic and regenerated fibres, newsprint, non-ferrous metals, edibe oils and foodgrants.

Policy measures are being continously evolved for increase India's exports. These include measures for increasing and diversifying the production, making our exports more competitive, finding new markets for our products and processing commodities for higher value realisation. The current Import-Export Policy has been formulated to give a major thrust to exports as well as encourage import substitution.

**Setting up of Processed Food Giants with Foreign Collaboration**

5072. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian industrial giants are vying with each other in setting up fast food chains and processed food giants with foreign collaboration ;

(b) if so, the details of agreements in operation or in pipeline ; and

(c) whether in view of paucity of foreign exchange and availability of know-how in the country in food technology, such foreign collaboration on fancy foods for the affluent is considered desirable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) (a) to (c) : Ministry of Industry, which is the nodal Ministry for this, does not have any such proposal before it.

Details of all approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and Foreign firms, the item of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a Supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this Publication are furnished to the Parliament Library.

**Prohibition on export of oilseed cake and Iron Ore**

5073. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised an export boost items of certain select items with a great export potential ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether these include items of protective foods in short supply in the country which are available now only for the affluent and effecting health of weaker sections ; and

(d) whether Government ensure that raw materials such as oil-seed cake and iron ore are prohibited for export ?