

expansion of trade between India and the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote bilateral trade?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) and (b). UK is one of the major trade partners of India in the West Europe region. However, in terms of the total global trade of U.K. our share is small. There is, thus, scope for expansion of bilateral trade between the two countries. Steps taken to promote bilateral trade include inter-alia, diversification of our export basket, implementation of trade promotion measures, exchange of trade delegations, organisation of buyer-seller meets, participation in trade fairs, publicity and facilitation of technical and financial collaborations, besides holding the periodic meeting of the Indo-British Economic Committee.

Trade with Pakistan

1887. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to increase trade with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Pak trade is going on; and

(c) the new areas identified for the expansion of trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The principal items of trade are agricultural items including tea, iron ore and concentrates, chemical materials and related products and crude minerals, fruits and

nuts (fresh and dried), cotton, textile yarn fabrics.

(c) Expansion in trade with Pakistan in the areas of engineering goods, chemicals and spices could take place if Pakistan extends M.F.N. treatment to our exports.

Indo-US Trade

1888. SHRIGOPINATH GAJAPATHI: SHRI CHIRANJILAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps for the expansion of Indo-US trade;

(b) if so, the new areas in which Indo-US trade has been established; and

(c) the items which are now being exported to and imported from U.S.A ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important new areas in which India has established its exports to USA are gems and jewellery, garments including fashion garments, leather products and computer software. India's imports from USA include machinery, metalliferous ores and metal scrap, fertilizers, inorganic and organic chemicals, professional instruments etc.

(c) (i) India's major exports of U.S.A. (1988-89)

1. Gems and Jewellery.

2. Readymade garments of cotton.

3. Engineering goods.