

Export target for 1985-86

4875. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the major export items which fetched considerable amount of foreign exchange during the last three years, item-wise

(b) the export target for the year 1985-86 ; and

(c) the items whose exports are expected to be higher than last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The major export items which fetched considerable amount of foreign exchange during the last three years are : Gems & Jewellery, Leather & Leather manufactures, readymade garments, chemicals & Allied products, Tea & mate, Marine Products, Iron ore, Cotton fabrics, Jute manufactures, Metal manufactures, Tobacco (unmanufactured), Coffee, Cashew Kernels, vegetables & fruits, Spices, Oil cakes, Cotton raw, handicrafts, carpets, Crude Oil and petroleum products.

(b) The export target for the year 1985-86 is fixed at Rs. 11736 crores.

(c) The export prospects of individual commodities or products depend on various international and domestic factors. The items whose exports are expected to be higher during 1985 86 than the last three years include Cashew Kernels ; Cereals, Oil cakes ; Spices, Processed foods, Marine Products, Iron Leather & Leather manufactures, Cotton ore, fabrics, Readymade Garments, Chemicals & allied Products, Engineering goods and Handicrafts.

**Items in which Indo-U.S. trade
to take place**

4876. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken steps to established better trade ties with the United States ;

(b) if so, the different trade deals recently signed with the U.S.A. ;

(c) the items in which Indo-U.S. trade is proposed to take place ; and

(d) the details of the targets fixed by both the countries in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d). No formal trade agreement between the two Governments has been signed. However, steps are being taken to intensify export promotion activities and commercial publicity in the USA to increase exports of traditional as well as non-traditional product. The Memorandum Undertaking on transfer of technology signed recently between the two countries will facilitate trade and collaboration in advanced technology between the two countries.

No targets have been fixed for trade between the two countries. The significant items of imports from USA are industrial raw materials, specialised machinery, technological items, fertilizer materials etc.

As regards India's exports to USA, the significant items are largely diamonds, readymade garment, engineering products, leather & leather products, cashew nuts and marine products.

[Translation]

Proposal for Selling Sick NTC Mills

4877. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :
DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention has been drawn to the report appeared in the 'Statesman' dated 29th June, 1985 that Government are considering a proposal to sell 26 mills of National Textile Cor-