

[English]

**Export Potential of Maruti Cars**

898. SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the export potential Maruti cars has been examined by Government;

(b) whether any negotiations have been entered into with other countries on this regard; and

(c) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Maruti Udyog Ltd. are exploring the potential for export of their vehicles to neighbouring and East European Countries. No contracts have been finalised so far.

**Exemption from Income-Tax on Grant-in aid given to Regional Film Producers**

899. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :

SHRI S.M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have exempted the grant-in-aid given to regional film producers by State Governments from income-tax;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) whether the film producers have represented to Government complaining the re-introduction of the income-tax on grant-in-aid given by State Governments to regional film producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House after the same is received.

[Translation]

**Mock Parliament Programme in Schools**

900. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) when the Mock Parliament Programme in schools was introduced with the cooperation of the Ministry;

(b) the results achieved therefrom so far; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred under this head so far ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) The Mock Parliament Programme, now called 'Youth Parliament Scheme' was introduced in Higher Secondary Schools of Delhi in the year 1966;

(b) The results achieved so far have been very satisfactory. The Scheme has evoked widespread appreciation and response from student community, parents, Press and Parliamentarians. It has led to inculcating indepth knowledge and appreciation of Parliamentary Procedure and Practices, spirit of discipline and tolerance of views of others, quality of leadership etc. among students. In view of the popularity of the Scheme, a separate Scheme exclusively for Kendriya Vidyalayas has been started since 1983; and

(c) The total expenditure on this head including the financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations since 1970-71, when separate booking of expenditure on this account was started, is Rs. 1,68,689,62.

[English]

**Imbalance in Trade between India and EEC Countries**

901. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the causes of imbalances in the trade between India and EEC;