

[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;

(b) whether Government have thought of removing the imbalances by adopting liberalised approach to foreign investment from EEC for small and medium sized enterprises;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to get access to European data banks for technical and industrial information; and

(d) when, how and the manner in which it will be done, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) For a developing economy like India, with high incidence of developmental imports, there would be a tendency of deficit in India's trade with developed countries in EEC. India's export to EEC are also limited by some tariff and non-tariff impediments like textile quota restrictions, etc.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to encourage foreign investment in the country, including from the EEC consistent with the country's priorities. The liberalised policy for economic growth implies an improvement in the competitiveness of Indian goods with foreign assistance, wherever necessary.

(c) and (d). It is open to Indian trade and industry to tap, on felt-need basis, the data bank for statistics and information.

#### Steps to Develop Coffee Industry

902. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the

Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to develop the coffee industry in the country;

(b) the State-wise increase in production for the last five year;

(c) the names of states where production has been introduced and prospects of the same;

(d) the names of the countries where coffee is in demand and the annual requirement of those countries; and

(e) whether there is any increase or decrease in Foreign trade and if there is any decrease, what is the proposal to increase the sale of coffee ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Coffee Board provides loans and subsidies for various activities connected with coffee cultivation. It has also opened seed multiplication units, coffee demonstration farms, research farms, mobile soil testing units etc. for facilitating increase in coffee production. Coffee Board also plays a predominant role in coffee marketing through the coffee pooling system.

(b) The production figures for the last 5 years in respect of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are as under :

(Qty. in tonnes)

Year	Karnataka	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Andhra Pradesh	Other States	Total
1980-81	82125	21043	14978	286	79	118511
1981-82	101882	32628	14858	362	116	149846
1982-83	100075	15375	13970	500	80	130000
(Provisional)						
1983-84	79335	9555	15515	530	65	105000
(Provisional)						
1984-85	127990	46880	14485	475	170	190000
(Provisional)						
1985-86	96000	285000	155000	N.A.	N.A.	140000
(Estimated)						