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Jaipur	—	0.12	—
Calcutta	8.39	24.49	19.15
Madras	—	4.36	—
<b>Total :</b>	8337.66	8834.46	4649.69
<b>Return Con- signment</b>	49.47	224.60	250.10
<b>Exports</b>	8338.19	8609.86	4399.59

#### Trade Protocol between India and U.K.

951. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and U.K. have signed a trade-protocol in London recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Seventh Meeting of the Indo-British Economic Committee was held at London from 11th to 13th September 1985. Matters relating to bilateral trade imbalance, trade promotion programme better access for Indian goods in the EEC markets and industrial cooperation as also collaboration in third country projects were discussed.

#### Import and Export Trade Position Since 1982

952. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the position of the import and export trade since 1982 till date; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to boost the export trade and discourage the import trade in the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The position

of India's import and export trade since 1981-82 is as below :—

(Value Rs. crores)

Year	Imports	Exports
1981-82	13607.56	7805.90
1982-83	14355.76	8907.75
1983-84	15762.95	9872.10
1984-85*	16812.93	11493.72
April-July, 1985-86 (Provisional)	6021.12	2942.04

\*Provisional, updated till July, 1985.

Source : DGCI and S, Calcutta.

(b) Policy measures are being continuously evolved for increasing 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. Efforts would be made to gear up these measures further during the Seventh Plan period.

The Government has taken a number of policy initiatives in the sphere of trade policies, industrial policies and fiscal policies. The current import-export policy which will be operative for a three year period, 1985-88, is designed to introduce an environment of continuity and stability in foreign trade planning. It aims at providing a major thrust towards increased production, both for domestic consumption and exports, and to bring about efficient import substitution. The Government have also decided to select thrust sectors for export promotion which would make a substantial contribution to growth in exports over the medium term. Public sector undertakings are being involved for greater participation in export efforts. Simultaneous efforts are also being made to step up our indigenous production of importables during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, particularly in the sphere of bulk imports.