

(a) the total quantity of rubber imported by India during 1984-85; and

(b) the national rubber production and its percentage from Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The quantity of rubber imported during 1984-85 was 32408 tonnes including 8001 tonnes which arrived in the financial year 1983-84 but could only be cleared during the year 1984-85 due to port and Dock workers' strike.

(b) The production of natural rubber during 1984-85 was 1,86,450 tonnes. Of this 92 per cent was from Kerala.

Decrease in Number of Tourism in Kovalam Beach Resort

1841. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of tourists both national and international to Kovalam Beach Resort in Kerala has considerably decreased due to the fear of the dreaded disease 'AIDS'; and

(b) whether there is any attempt on the part of Government to identify those tourists who are the carrier of such dreaded and incurable disease ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

India's National Income Derived from Foreign Trade During 1983-84 and 1984-85

1842. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of India's national income that was derived from foreign trade during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) the States which made the highest contribution of foreign trade during that period; and

(c) the products mainly responsible for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) India's Net National Product (at factor cost) at current prices was Rs. 1,59,598 crores, during the year 1983-84, according to quick estimates by the Central Statistical Organisation. The estimates of Net National Product for 1984-85 are not available. India's overall exports during the year 1983-84 at a value of Rs. 9,872.10 crores, represents 6.19 per cent of Net National Product during the year.

(b) and (c). Foreign trade statistics on a statewise basis are not compiled.

Trade with Gulf Countries

1843. SHRI K. S. RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of trade being done with Gulf countries;

(b) the details of items which have been exported to and imported from Gulf countries during the last three years;

(c) the amount involved in export and import of various items during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the trade with Gulf countries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (c). Details of India's trade with Gulf Countries are given in the statement below.

(b) Principal exports from India to the Gulf countries are :

(i) Fruits and Vegetables

(ii) Meat

(iii) Rice

(iv) Tea

(v) Spices

- (vi) Engineering goods
- (vii) Transport equipment
- (viii) Textiles
- (ix) Chemical
- (x) Gold jewellery
- (xi) Tobacco
- (xii) Jute bags

Principal imports into India from the Gulf countries are :

- (i) Crude oil
- (ii) Fertilizers
- (iii) Sulphur
- (iv) Ammonia
- (v) Dates
- (vi) Copper waste.

(d) Among the various measures taken to improve our trade with Gulf countries, the following are the more important ones :

- (i) A new export promotion and marketing strategy for Indian goods has been drawn up. Selected Gulf

countries have been identified as thrusts markets for intensive export promotion efforts.

- (ii) Similarly, thrust commodities/product groups have been identified and special measures are proposed to promote their exports to Gulf countries.
- (iii) Possibilities of like deals involving linkage of exports with imports, within the frame work of the existing policy are being explored.
- (iv) Participation in Exhibitions in Gulf countries. Exclusive Indian exhibitions are being organised in some of the Gulf countries. In addition Indian Jewellery exhibitions cum-sale are being organised in UAE and Kuwait.
- (v) Special attention is being paid to promote project exports in the region.
- (vi) Promotion of joint ventures between Indian and local parties in these countries.

Statement

India's Trade with Gulf Countries

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Country	Year	Exports	Imports		Balance of Trade	Total
1	2	3	4		5	6
Bahrain	1982-83	32.13	141.37	(—)	109.24	173.50
	1983-84	53.30	55.60	(—)	2.30	108.90
	1984-85*	50.43	259.46	(—)	209.03	309.89
Kuwait	1982-83	129.01	282.43	(—)	153.42	411.44
	1983-84	114.88	247.10	(—)	132.22	361.98
	1984-85	114.59	285.82	(—)	171.23	400.41
Oman	1982-83	49.92	0.54	(+)	49.38	50.46
	1983-84	54.96	1.66	(+)	53.30	56.62
	1984-85*	55.34	167.53	(—)	112.19	222.87

1	2	3	4	5	6	
Qatar	1982-83	29.70	26.84	(+)	2.86	56.54
	1983-84	21.69	18.44	(+)	3.25	40.13
	1984-85*	30.01	51.44	(—)	21.43	85.45
Saudi Arabia	1982-83	227.29	1490.24	(—)	1268.95	1723.53
	1983-84	239.99	1127.71	(—)	887.72	1367.70
	1984-85	243.23	1247.94	(—)	1004.71	1491.17
UAE	1982-83	219.21	365.10	(—)	145.91	584.33
	1983-84	224.66	229.97	(—)	5.31	454.63
	1984-85	266.29	394.82	(—)	128.53	661.11

*1984-85 (Provisional figures).

Proposal to Ban Import of Cement, Steel, Coal, Sugar, Edible Oils, PVC Resin

1844. SHRI K. S. RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to ban import of such items like cement, steel, coal, sugar, edible oils, PVC resin, etc. which can be produced to the required levels in our own country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the items of shortage in the country and to encourage their production by giving incentives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Proposals to restrict import of PVC resin and coconut oil were received and have been examined. For the present it has been decided to maintain status quo.

(b) Ministry of Commerce has not conducted any survey.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Hotel at Konark

1845. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY

AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal approved by the Union Government to construct a joint sector hotel with the co-operation of Orissa Tourist Development Department at Konark;

(b) if so, the details regarding its progress; and

(c) the time likely to be taken for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c). During the VI Plan ITDC had a proposal to construct a joint venture cottage complex at Konark in collaboration with the State Government. The proposal did not materialise for want of a suitable site.

Price of Cotton Fixed by Cotton Corporation of India

1846. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) how many quintals of cotton have so far been purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India from Andhra Pradesh and at what rates;