

The amount of commitment charges to be paid in subsequent years would depend on the quantum of draws and quantum of new loans/credits negotiated with and approved by the Bank.

Review of 100 per cent Export-Oriented-Units

747. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working of 100 per cent export-oriented-units (EOUs) has been reviewed at a meeting held with the representatives of these units in September, 1986;

(b) if so, the problems discussed and the outcome of the discussions;

(c) whether it is proposed to revamp the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) to (d) A meeting was held by the Minister for Commerce with representatives of 100% Export Oriented Units with a view to identifying operational problems and to improve the working of the scheme. Various suggestions were put forward in this regard relating to input support, Customs procedures, fiscal reliefs, diversification, sale in the Domestic Tariff Area, disposal of waste and rejects etc. These suggestions have been noted.

Suggestions of FICCI

748. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has suggested changes to the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA), 1973 to make India's joint ventures abroad more flexible leading to higher growth; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggestions for amendment in the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 are under examination of the Government.

Export of Coir and Coir Products

749. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of coir and coir products has declined in the last three years in a big way alongwith the figures of export during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons for this sudden decline; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve its export ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The exports of Coir and Coir Products during the last three years have been as follows :—

| Year | Quantity (Tonnes) | Value (Rs. in crores) |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1983-84 | 27,949 | 24.34 |
| 1984-85 | 25,788 | 26.41 |
| 1985-86 | 24,672 | 32.85 |

(Source : COIR BOARD)

There has been an increase in the value of exports. The quantitative exports have, however shown a slight declining trend due mainly to shortage of raw material, shifts in demand patterns and competition from cheaper substitutes.