

already been initiated.

As regards handicraft workers, on the basis of the Economic Census conducted by the Central Statistical Organisation in 1980, action has been initiated to undertake a follow-up survey of the sector.

Expansion of Imports from USSR

1740. SHRI R.M. BHOYE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have recently drawn up a large list of items to be imported from the USSR to step up trade manifold in the next 5 years; and

(b) if so, the items selected in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). Discussions have been held between India and the USSR on expanding lists of commodities to further diversify and increase the level of bilateral trade. No list of items has, however, been finalised for exports to or imports from the USSR, recently.

Ranks in Defence

1741. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for the abolition of certain ranks in Defence Services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Re-Employment of Mentally Unfit Employees After Being Mentally Fit

1742. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the civilian and Defence Service employees who had been removed from service on ground of mentally unfit were later on reinstated/re-employed; and

(b) if so, under what rules those employees were taken back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Turnover of Trade with China

1743. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the turnover of trade with China during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) whether any fresh talks have taken place for higher trade turnover during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) As per DGCIS figures, trade turnover between India and China during 1985-86 was of the order of Rs. 194.14 crores and during 1986-87 Rs. 173.01 crores respectively.

(b) and (c). India signed a Trade Protocol on 27th May, 1987 at Beijing with China envisaging trade turnover of US \$ 150 to 200 million during 1st January, 1987 to 31st March, 1988. It includes iron Ore, Tobacco, shellac, chemicals, engineering products, plywood, jewels and processed