

whose trees were destroyed by drought ;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of damage assessed in this regard ?

(April-Dec.)	1194.9	748.06
1986-87 (P)		
(April-Dec.)	1657.1	1006.79

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) and (b). Drought relief programmes are normally implemented by the concerned State Governments. Rubber Board will supply high yielding planting material as and when required. Rubber Board's estimate of the plants requiring replacement is 15 lakhs.

Import of Iron and Steel and Export of Iron Ore

9524: SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether import of iron and steel are on increase every year ;

(b) if so, the quantity of iron and steel imported during the last three years, year-wise and the value thereof ;

(c) the quantity and value of iron ore exported during the same period ; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the export of iron ore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) and (b). The details of import of Iron and Steel during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and April-December, 1986 as compared to April-December, 1985 are as under :-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (000 Tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. Crores)</i>
1984-85	1876.1	941.10
1985-86 (P)	1996.5	1230.85
1985-86 (P)		

P : Provisional
Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(c) The details of exports of Iron ore during 1984-85, 1985-86 and April-December, 1986 as compared to April-December, 1985 are as under :-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (Million Tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. Crores)</i>
1984-85	25.5	459.44
1985-86 (P)	27.0	554.59
1985-86(P) (April-Dec.)	17.3	359.60
1986-87 (P) (April-Dec.)	19.6	364.73

P : Provisional
Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to increase the export of Iron ore, which include signing of long term sales agreements with foreign buyers, diversification of iron ore exports to new markets such as China and Poland, improvement in iron ore handling facilities at various ports and deepening of ports to receive large sized vessels.

World Bank Aid for Boosting Engineering Export

9525. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN:
SHRI S. M. GURADDI :
SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken by Government to boost export of engineering goods during 1987-88 ;

(b) whether any funds for implementation of these measures are being received from the World Bank ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) Government has taken a number of measures to boost exports of engineering products. These measures would, inter-alia, enable modernisation and upgradation of the production base and cost competitiveness of our industry

I.	Productivity funds	\$ 10 million operated by ICICI for assisting units to improve their productivity.
II.	Export Marketing Funds:	\$ 10 million operated by EXIM Bank to assist engineering companies to improve the marketability of their products and undertake marketing activities.
III.	Term Loan Assistance :	\$ 160 million operated by ICICI to provide terms loans to identified engineering and non-engineering sectors for export oriented projects.
IV.	Ancillary Development	\$ 70 million have been made available to State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank for financing investment for expansion and upgradation of the engineering ancillary enterprises.

Methodology for Study of Foreign Languages

9526. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH TYAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new methodology for teaching Russian language to the Defence personnel resulting in considerable economy in time has been devised at the School of Foreign Languages ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to introduce this methodology for study of other foreign languages at the School of Foreign Languages and other institutions under his Ministry ; and

through liberalisation of licensing procedures and imports of technology, production of essential raw materials and consumables at international prices, etc. In addition, a new CCS regime has been announced to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation and fiscal benefits and concessional finance provided for exports.

(b) and (c). No funds have been provided by the World Bank for the implementation of the measure announced by the Government. The World Bank has, however, separately provided a loan of US\$ 250 million for improving the productivity and marketability of engineering products. The loan is divided into the following four components :-

(c) whether Government propose to give any incentive to the propounder of this methodology ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

Islamic Bomb

9527. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :