

items of export to Malaysia include spices, fruits and vegetables, meat and preparations, marine products, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, cotton yarn etc. and principal items of import from Malaysia include crude rubber, edible oils, organic chemicals, primary steel, pig iron based items, non-ferrous items, etc.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. An Office of the Trade Development Authority has been established in Malaysia and an Indo-Malaysian Joint Business Cooperation Committee has been set up for greater interaction of business-community of both the sides for expansion of trade. Further, Malaysia has agreed to award certain projects to Indian companies on a negotiated basis.

Export of Cotton Yarn by EOUs

6618. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Ministers of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any applications are pending from 100 per cent. export oriented units manufacturing cotton yarn for export through merchant exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reason for delay in clearing these applications;

(d) the time by which they will be cleared; and

(e) the estimated amount of foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRIDINESH SINGH): (a) to (e). M/s. Nav Maharashtra Sahakari Soot Girani Ltd., a 100% Export Oriented Unit approved for manufacture of cotton yarn had made enquiries whether exports can be made to Rupee Currency Area through merchant exporters. In terms of para 173 of the current Import and Export Policy, units coming

within the purview of the 100% EOU scheme have been specifically excluded from availing of the facility of making third party exports.

Accident of Kerala Express

6619. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Kerala Express was involved in accidents after it was converted into a daily train;

(b) whether it met with an accident recently in the Tamil Nadu sector;

(c) if so, the facts and causes thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent accidents involving this train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 3 (Three).

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Engines and five coaches of 126 Kerala Mangla Express got derailed while passing through Magnesite Jn. The accident has been attributed to failure of railway staff.

(d) Intensive counselling of drivers as well as all other categories of staff connected with train passing duties is being done. Multi-disciplinary teams of Senior Administrative Grade Officers have been formed to inspect and monitor safety measures being undertaken in all the Divisions.

Super Fast Train between Tanjore and Madras

6620. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: