

provement of quality and expansion of export. Majority of the bicycle components continue to be reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Based on such representations and considering other relevant factors, the item "Hubs & Cups" which was dereserved in March 1989 was again reserved vide Press Note dated 27th June, 1989. Reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuous process and is reviewed by Government from time to time.

Problems of Sports Goods Industry

3063. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item caption 'Labour, Raw Materials hit output, export'; appearing in the "Financial express" dated 9 June, 1989;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the steps taken or proposed by Government to overcome the difficulties being faced by the sports goods industry; and

(d) the target fixed for export of sports goods this year as compared to that of last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The news-item captioned 'Labour, Raw Materials hit output, export', published in the Financial Express dated 9th June 1989 has been seen by the Government. The overall

exports of sports goods from the country has risen from Rs. 28.38 lakhs in 1986-87 to Rs. 37.69 lakhs in 1988-89, thus registering an average growth of 11% per annum.

(c) Steps taken to promote the industry are.

(i) setting up a Design-cum-Development Centre at Jalandhar for sports goods industry;

(ii) Opening up of a material bank to supply raw materials including Synthetic leather, Cane, Mulbury & Willow wood;

(iii) increased plantation of mulbury trees, 13 lakh trees have been planted in Punjab alone in the past eight years;

(iv) permitting duty free imports of various raw materials such as willow/ash/beach wood, cane, cork bottom strings, PU leather etc.

(d) The target for export of sports goods in the year 1988-89 was of the order of Rs. 45 crores. The target for exports of sports goods in the current financial year is yet to be finalised.

[English]

Assets of Top Ten Large Houses

3064. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total assets of top ten large houses during 1989 and their total assets during 1979;

(b) whether Government propose to take more steps to stop expansion of mo-