

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): There are good prospects for export of Indian power equipments to Malaysia.

Investment by Indian Companies in the power equipment field in Malaysia stood at Malaysian \$ 10.30 lakhs (about Rs. 36 lakhs) by the end of 1973-74.

Export of Sandalwood Oil

4470. **SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the monopoly in exporting East Indian Sandalwood oil;

(b) if so, the export trends during the last three years; and

(c) the steps if any, taken to boost production which has shown downward trends in the past years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) India has a near monopoly in the export of Sandalwood oil.

(b) Exports during last three years were as follows:

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1973-74 . . .	92.7	3.51
1974-75 . . .	71.4	7.09
1975-76 . . .	22.7	1.40
1976-77 (April-Feb.) . . .	21.1	1.56

(c) Planting of sandalwood trees is being encouraged. When these come into maturity the yield will increase. This, however, is a long-term process.

Modernisation of Airports

4471. **SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the names of the airports to be modernised first?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). Modernisation of airports is a continuous process and efforts are constantly made in this regard consistent with the requirements of the public, volume traffic, operational needs and the availability of resources.

During the Fifth Five Year Plan period it is proposed to effect improvements at the following airports:

- Delhi
- Bombay
- Calcutta
- Madras
- Gauhati
- Srinagar
- Dabolim (Goa)
- Ahmedabad
- Agartala
- Cochin
- Khajuraho
- Trivandrum
- Jaipur
- Port Blair
- Bangalore
- Jodhpur
- Kanpur
- Pune
- Jorhat
- Indore
- Bhubaneshwar
- Rajkot
- Visakhapatnam
- Raipur
- Varanasi
- Imphal
- Patna
- Amritsar
- Agra
- Lucknow
- Nagpur
- Panagarh
- Bagdogra
- Hyderabad