

producers/exporters conclave be conveyed at the UNCTAD Preparatory Meeting on Iron Ore with every effort being made to obtain the support of all producers/exporters for a common position

- (ii) In order to facilitate a better understanding of iron ore market and in the framework of the consultations among the member countries of APEF as provided in the articles (rules) of the Association, the APEF Board was directed to include on its agenda as a standing item 'Consideration of iron ore market conditions' Member countries were given the discretion to include experts in their delegation for discussions under this item

Relaxation in Baggage Rules

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Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Baggage Rules for Indian and foreign travellers landing at air or sea ports in the country are being further relaxed or are made stringent recently, and

(b) if so facts thereof and purposes thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL) (a) and (b) No, Sir There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present for further revision of the Baggage Rules

Report on STC

9758 SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state

(a) the main recommendations of the report submitted by the Indian Institute of Management which enquired into the working of State Trading Corporation, and

(1) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAIG) (a) The study team of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad has recommended that the role of STC should be different from the one performed earlier. The new role for STC is as follows —

- (i) To undertake a substantial amount of actual trading on their own account including buying selling stocking etc
- (ii) To continue to manage canalised items, but on a relatively smaller scale than in the past
- (iii) To develop new products and markets for export and initiate action to help strengthen and expand the supply base and infrastructured facilities
- (iv) To organise their operations in such a way that these assist in the attainment of socio-economic objectives such as price stability increase in employment, stoppage of exploitation by middlemen etc
- (v) To organise itself to monitor certain specified sectors of economy on behalf of Government as its field agencies in the market place and provide timely feed back for appropriate corrective action