

Decline in Tea Industry

8894. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in our tea industry as a result of poor productivity, obsolete processing plants and machinery and ineffective marketing net work; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to improve this state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) No, Sir.

Tea production has been steadily on the increase.

(b) Does not arise.

Free Trade Zones

8946. SHRI F. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Free Trade Zones round the Globe enjoy the concession about exemption from import and export duties in and from such Zones;

(b) whether while imports in Kandla Free Trade Zone are exempt from import duties, exports from Zone attract duty at the same rates as are applicable to the rest of the country;

(c) if so, whether apart from Zone losing export business, the country stands to lose its established markets to its competitors, mainly China in the export of roasted and salted cashewnuts and peanuts;

(d) whether the Zone is likely to suffer a short-fall of nearly 125 lakhs in its target of export of above items; and

(e) if so, whether Government consider an urgent need of framing a legislation that industries within the Zone are allowed Global concession of exemption from payment of import-export duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Full information about the duty concessions, particularly about export duties, is not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Exports from both the Domestic Tariff area as well as the Free Trade Zone will be affected

(d) There is only one unit of KAFTZ producing-exporting roasted salted vacuum packed peanuts and cashewnuts.

As all units in the Zone have to make 100 per cent exports of their products, no individual export performance is fixed products-wise/unit-wise. However, as against the export target of Rs. 750 lakhs for KAFTZ for 1978-79, exports to the extent of Rs. 553 lakhs have taken place.

(e) While work on drafting the legislation for the Zone has been taken up, there is, however, no decision about exemption from payment of export duties.

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8947. श्री छीत भाई गणित : क्या उप प्रधान मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेशों में बसे भारत मूलक व्यक्तियों नेगत वर्ष में कुल कितनी राशि स्वदेश भेजी है और इसका देशवार ब्यौर क्या है ,

(ख) क्या राशि स्वदेश भेजने को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये रिजर्व बैंक आफ इंडिया द्वारा कोई सुविधा दी जाती है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार ऐसी स्वदेश भेजी जाने वाली राशियों पर कुछ राहत/छूट देने का है ?