

during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Exports (Value in Rs. crores)
1976-77	56.32
1977-78	43.03
1978-79	42.00
April—Oct., 79	16.61 Provisional

(b) The names of major manufacturing and exporting companies are as follows:

1. Gujarat Steel Tubes Ltd., Ahmedabad.
2. Zenith Steel Pipes and Industries Ltd., Bombay.
3. Shri Ambica Tubes Ltd., Ahmedabad.
4. Khandelwal Tubes, Bombay.
5. Jain Tubes Co. Ltd., New Delhi.
6. Indian Tubes Co. Ltd., Calcutta.
7. Kalinga Tubes Ltd., Calcutta.
8. Bharat Steel Tubes, New Delhi.
9. Jindal Pipes Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demand for Bonus for Central Government Employees

209. SHRI K. A. RAJAN:
SHRI C. R. MAHATA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the Central Government employees some time in December, last demanding bonus; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) and (b). In absence of the precise indication of the senders and the date of the memorandum referred to in the question, it is not possible to identify the same. However, it may be stated that the Government are examining the demands for the grant of production/productivity linked bonus in the cases of the employees of the production units of the Department of Defence Production, Posts and Telegraphs and some other departments.

Ministers' Visit Abroad

210. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the names of Ministers who visited foreign countries during the last two and a half years and the purpose of their visits and the expenditure incurred on each Minister on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): The information for the period from 1st August, 1977 to 31st January, 1980 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Export of Agricultural Products

211. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of agricultural products is being given encouragement by Government to balance the deficit in balance of payments; and

(b) if so, the commodities for which encouragement is being given?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Export of certain selected items of agricultural products is being encouraged by grant of Cash Compensatory Support and Import Replenishment. Details of the