

during the last three years are as follows:

| Year                     | Exports<br>(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

Commodities, the rates of Cash Compensatory Support and particulars of Import Replenishment are given in Statements 1 and 2 laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See via Tirupati?]

**Air Service from New Delhi to Madras via Tirupati**

212. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to have two air service from New Delhi to Hyderabad; and

(b) whether there is any representation with the Government to have an air service from New Delhi to Madras via Tirupati?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the absence of complete particulars of the representation, it has not been possible to trace the same. However, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

**Foreign Trade Deficit**

214. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's foreign trade deficit is widening rapidly;

(b) if so, the details regarding the foreign reserve during last three years; and

(c) the details regarding increase in deficit if any (year-wise) during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

| (b) Foreign Exchange Reserves (excluding Gold & SDR's) | Rs. Crores |
|--|------------|
| 1976-77 . . . . .                                      | 2,863.0    |
| 1977-78 . . . . .                                      | 4,499.8    |
| 1978-79 . . . . .                                      | 5,219.8    |
| * November, 1979 (Provisional)                         | 5,362.0    |

| (c) Deficit of Foreign Trade   | Rs. Crores |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1976-77 . . . . .              | + 68.46    |
| 1977-78 . . . . .              | — 621.03   |
| 1978-79* . . . . .             | — 1064.37  |
| April-Nov., 1979 (Provisional) | — 1,81.03  |

\*As per data revised in November, 1979 Press Note.

**Air Conditioning of Building of State Bank of India, New Delhi**

215. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the building of the State Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi was last air-conditioned;

(b) whether it is a fact that a proposal to re-aircondition the said building at a cost of Rs. 60 lakhs has been undertaken;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a team of new consultants has been appointed for the purpose ignoring the local consultants; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) The newly constructed Multi-storeyed blocks of the State Bank of India at