

Nepal and India along the Indo-Nepal border, including Jogbani and Galgolia in Bihar.

(b) Anti-smuggling measures along the Indo-Nepal border have been intensified and the Customs authorities in the region alerted to prevent any attempts at smuggling across the border.

Request for seeds from Saudi Arabia

2673. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has requested India to supply seeds;

(b) if so, the varieties thereof asked for supply; and

(c) what has been the supply of seeds to other countries during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details of export of potatoes and other seeds for sowing purposes from India in 1978-79 and 1979-80 (upto October, 1979) are indicated in the statement attached.

Statement

S.No.	Description of item	Quantity : Thousand Kgs. Value : Rs. Lakhs.			
		1978-79		1979-80 (upto Oct. 79)	
		Q.	V.	Q.	V.
1.	Potatoes seed for sowing	142	1.60	72	1.88
2.	Cabbage Seeds	12	1.74	neg.	0.05
3.	Cauliflower Seeds	—	—	neg.	0.45
4.	Onion Seeds	40	8.64	48	11.43
5.	Radish Seeds	9	1.27	4	1.61
6.	Vegetable seeds for planting n.e.s.	23	8.82	10	1.95
7.	Fruit seeds for planting or sowing	1	0.08	2	0.39
8.	Grass and clover seeds	neg.	0.10	—	—
9.	Other seeds etc. for planting, n.e.s.	308	48.13	47	5.69

Letter of Intent for Ferro Alloys Corporation

2674. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued the letter of intent in favour of Ferro Alloys Corporation to set up

a charge chrome plant in the private sector at Bhadrak, Orissa State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific time by which it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Gov-