

(ix) Rural Industries Projects Programme;

(x) Rural Artisans Programme;

(xi) District Industries Centre.

### Word Bank Projects

1714. SHRI NARAIN GHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the World Bank Project which have been sanctioned and are under execution or are ready for commencement for being taken up at the Central and the State levels during the last three years;

(b) the financial outlay for each of these projects and the outline and period for the completion for each one of them ;

(c) whether any other projects are still pending for clearance by the World Bank ; and

(d) if so, the names and the nature thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN). (a) and (b). Statement-I is laid on the Table of

the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1984/81]

(c) and (d) : Statement-II is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1984/81]

### Growth of Indian Export Earnings-

1715. SHRI B.D. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative growth in India's export earnings in terms of foreign exchange during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 as against the import bill in these years in terms of foreign exchange ;

(b) the major items of import during these years and the items that were exported by India ; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the overall import bill on items of essential commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN)

(a) The growth in the value of India's over all exports and imports during the period of 3 years from 1977-78 to 1979-80 is as below s—

(Rs. crores)

Year	Exports	Growth Rate	Imports	Growth Rate
1977-78 . . . . .	5404.26	+5.1	6025.29	+18.8
1978-79 . . . . .	5726.26	+6.0	6814.30	+13.1
1979-80* . . . . .	6426.75	+12.2	8795.15	+29.2

\*Subject to revision.

(b) The major items of import during this period of 3 years included petroleum & petroleum products, machinery & transport equipment, iron and Steel, vegetable oils, fertilizers, non-ferrous metals, pearls, precious & semi-precious stones, chemicals, paper & paper board and synthetic & regenerated fibres. The major items of export included engineering goods, hand-crafts including gems & jewellery, textiles (including garments), leather & leather manufactures, tea, jute manufactures, iron ore, fish & fish preparations, chemicals

& allied products, coffee, spices, sugar, oil cakes, cashew and rice.

(c) In addition to export promotional measures, efforts are being made during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) to stop up production of edible oils, steel, coal, fertilizers and non-ferrous metals and to accelerate the tempo of oil explorations and production, to substitute imports.