

Visit of Representatives from Switzerland and Czechoslovakia in SEEPZ

6582. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value of exports from Santa Cruz Electronics Export Processing Zone during the last two years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that representatives from Switzerland, Czechoslovakia had paid a visit to the Zone ; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Exports from SEEPZ

Year	Export in Rs. crores.
1979-80	11.14
1980-81	18.85
1981-82	28.75
(upto 23-2-82)	

(b) Yes, Sir. Counsell General of Switzerland in Bombay accompanied by two other Swiss Embassy officials visited SEEPZ on 3-2-82. Prof. M. Kusat, the Czechoslovakian Minister for Electro-technical industry visited SEEPZ on 28-2-82.

(c) The visits were first hand appraisal of SEEPZ.

Export of Sugar

6583. SHRI A. C. DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the target of the export of Sugar set for the year 1981-82 ;

(b) the total quantum of sugar exported so far ;

(c) whether the target of export of sugar set for the year 1981-82 has not been achieved ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to achieve the target in the export of sugar ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No formal target has been set for export of sugar during the year 1981-82, since the export of sugar was banned with effect from 21st February, 1981. The ban was lifted on 2nd November, 1981.

(b) A quantity of 1.425 Lakh MTs of sugar has been exported in the current financial year up to 22nd March 1982.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Clearance of Copper Wire Rods by Customs

6584. SHRI K. A. RAJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether customs authorities, when in doubt are required to refer the matter regarding import of consignments to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports for their opinion ;

(b) if so, the details ;

(c) whether Government are aware that about 1000 tonnes of copper wire rods, an item canalised through Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation, was cleared by customs authorities in Bombay during