Implementation of 20th point of 20point programme

3075. SHRI R. PRABHU: Will the Miniter of FINANCE be pleased to state the specific measures which the Ministry proposes to take to implement the 20th Point of the 20 Point Programme announced by the Prime Minister relating to the improvement of working of the public enterprises by increasing efficiency, capacity, utilisation and generation of internal resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): In order to improve the working of Public Enterprises, the following important measures have been taken:

(i) Improving co-ordination to identify bottlenecks which are arising due to factors outside the control of individual enterprises so that remedial action by the concerned authorities could be taken in time, particularly in respect of **power**, transportation and infrastructurals.

(ii) Improving the systems and procedures so a_s to expedite clearances and approvals by Government agencies such as Customs, Excise, etc.

(iii) Evolving detailed performance criteria for sectors/enterprises which could be used for the purpose of monitoring performance.

(iv) Streamlining and intensifying the monitoring machinery to ensure timely identification of bottlencks and intiation of remedial action.

(v) Installation of early-warning systems in respect of important projects in key areas of the economy.

(vi) Preparation of short-term Action Plans incorporating specific targets for improving capacity uiliation and financial rates of return in the next two years.

(vii) Closer monitoring and control of projects under construction.

Future prospects of export of tea

3076. SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard $th_e export$ of tea; and

(b) its future prospects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) According to quick estimates, tea exports from 1981 India between April, and January, 1982 was 199, 67 M Kgs. valued at Rs. 359.73 crores compared to 194, 35 M Kgs valued at Rs. 371.25 during the corresponding crores period in 1980-81.

(b) Future prospect of tea exports from India would depend on the supply and demand position both at the national and international levels, the overall policy regarding exports as well as the final outcome of the International Tea Agreement.

Fall in prices of shrimp in export market

3077. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp fall in the prices of shrimp in the export markets during the last two years;

(b) if so, whether the causes have been identified; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to boost export earnings from shrimps?