

Import of Pig Iron From Pakistan

3770. SHRI CHITTA MANATA:
SHRI A. C. DAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plans have been finalised for the import of pig iron from Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). SAIL have placed orders for import of 2 lakh tonnes of pig iron from Pakistan. Supplies from Pakistan have already started coming in. The terms and conditions of the agreements for these imports are by and large in line with the usual terms and conditions for orders placed by SAIL on other foreign suppliers e.g. establishment of performance Guarantee-Bond/Payment through Letter of Credit etc.

Availability of Buffalo and Cow Skins in India

3771. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of buffalo and cow skins available in India on an average annually; and

(b) what quantity is processed and manufactured into finished items indigenously for (i) consumption, (ii) export purposes, and (iii) the quantity exported as raw material for further processing and manufacturing finished items with estimated cost country-wise for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The availability of buffalo, cow, buff-calf and cow-calf hides vary from year to year. The estimated availability of this material during 1980

and 1981 was 32.68 million numbers and 33.4 million numbers respectively.

(b) Export of raw hides is banned. It is, therefore, assumed that the available raw hides are converted into semi-finished leather. The approximate quantity of semi-finished hides exported during 1979-80 and 1980-81 was 3.40 million numbers and 2.35 million numbers respectively. The balance semi-finished leather is deemed to have been converted into finished leather and leather goods for export as well as for internal consumption. Separate country-wise figures of export of semi-finished hides, in terms of quantity and value are not maintained. However, the value of exports of semi-finished hides during the last three years is as follows:—

1979-80	— Rs. 344.43 million
1980-81	— Rs. 161.04 million
1981-82	— Rs. 135.62 million

(Apr. to Nov.)
(estimated)

Female Prisoners in Jails

3772. SHRI N. E. HORO:
SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of female prisoners is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of female prisoners in jails in different States. State-wise at present and during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of undertrial female prisoners who are below 16 years and above, State-wise, at present; and

(d) whether Government have studied or made any study regarding the nature of crimes against women and exploitation of children for anti-social purposes which is posing a serious problem, both for the policy maker as well to the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a)

to (d). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultancy Contracts awarded to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

3773. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the consultancy contracts so far awarded to Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. in foreign countries for setting up of manufacturing plants for turbines generators, motors and transformers etc.;

S.L. No.	Country	Customer	Scope of work	Value
1.	Turkey	Turkish Electro Mechanics Industries Corporation	To advise the Turkish Government on the feasibility report on setting up a plant to manufacture switchgears and transformers.	US \$ 80,000
2.	Turkey	Turkish Electro Mechanics Industries Corporation	To advise the Turkish Government on the feasibility report on setting up a plant to manufacture rotating machines.	US \$ 100,000

BHEL has submitted proposal to the Government of Algeria for providing consultancy services to set up a Transformer factory and a repair workshop for power equipment which is under consideration of that Government.

Anti-Defection Bill

3774. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward an anti-Defection Bill in the Budget Session of Parliament; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b).

(b) the names of countries and value of each contract; and

(c) the names of countries in which such plants have already been set up by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (c). BHEL have, so far been awarded two consultancy contracts in foreign countries as per details given below:

The question of undertaking legislation to deal with the problem of defections has been engaging the attention of the Government of India. The issue forms part of the larger subject of Electoral Reforms.

National Wage Policy

3775. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
SHRI R. N. RAKESH:
SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
PROF. RUPCHAND PAL:
SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 996 on 29 April, 1981 and state:

(a) whether the National Wage Policy has since been finalised;