

फसलों के मुकाबले लाभकर भी होते हैं इसलिए कार्तकारों को कोई हानि होने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता। अपेक्षाकृत अधिक उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक प्रोत्साहन देने और साथ ही साथ अन्तराष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारतीय अफीम को अपेक्षाकृत अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक बनाकर इसके निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए वर्ष 1981-82 के लिए मूल्य ढांचे को युक्तिसंगत बना दिया गया है।

#### Demand for woollen blankets in foreign countries

2. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the woollen blankets made in India are

in great demand in West Asia, Africa and the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the orders placed by various countries for the supply of woollen blankets placed by some countries years; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps for boosting blankets exports; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Woollen blankets from India are in demand in several countries of West Asia, Africa and the Soviet Union;

(b) Orders for the supply of woollen blankets placed by some countries in these regions during the last two years are as under:

(Value in Rs./Lakhs)

Country	1980-81	1981-82 (Prov.) (April Dec. 1981)
WEST ASIA		
U.A.E.	47.69	9.97
Saudi Arabia	79.64	15.01
Iran	185.48	152.11
Oman	13.70	4.85
Kuwait	5.40	3.50
Bahrain	0.89	—
AFRICA		
Nigeria	43.50	73.00
Ethiopia	81.48	31.80
Uganda	80.00	350.00
U.S.S.R.	—	250.00

(c) Under the Import Policy for the current year, import of essential inputs is allowed as replenishment against export of woollen blankets. Cash Compensatory Support is also available on export of this item. Last year a market orientation delegation for woollen blankets limited Mauri-

tius, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Export Promotion tours are also planned in other countries. For the first time, a provision has been made in the INDO-USSR Trade Plan for 1982 for export of woollen blankets to Russia.