

रुई की गांठों का आयात

175. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने रुई की 7.86 लाख गांठें आयात करने का कोई निर्णय दिसम्बर, 1980 में लिया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन गांठों का आयात किन-किन देशों से किया जाएगा और इस पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च होगी।

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Trade Relations with Far-East countries

176. SHRI N.K. SHEJWALKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) with how many countries from Far-East our country has trade relations;

(b) whether Taiwan is one of them; and

(c) the total figures of inward and outward trade with these countries during the last one year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) India has trade relations with countries in the Far-East namely, People's Republic of China, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea and Hong Kong.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During the year 1979-80, total exports to and imports from these countries were Rs. 845.19 crores and Rs. 782.70 crores respectively.

Foreign Banks functioning in the country.

177. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and names of the foreign banks which are functioning at present in the country;

(b) whether Government of India propose to reconsider the question of their nationalisation as demanded by various employees of these banks; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) At present 16 Foreign Banks are functioning in India. Their names are given in the enclosed list.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Foreign banks provide, by and large, business of a specialised nature such as facilitating foreign trade and tourism. The operation of banks of one country in another, subject to the laws of the land, is mainly for such purposes and is part of an international facility. Our Indian banks also maintain their branches in many countries. In the interest of mutuality it is necessary to maintain the status quo for the future of Indian banking abroad.

Statement

Name of Foreign Banks functioning in India.

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank
1.	Algemene Bank Nederland.
2.	American Express International Banking Corporation.
3.	Bank of America NT & SA.