

45. M/s. P & A Company, Calcutta
46. M/s. Matty Crafts, Bombay
47. M/s. K.K. International, Calcutta
48. M/s. Indira International, New Delhi
49. M/s. Shivani Exports Industry, New Delhi
50. M/s. Atex India, New Delhi
51. M/s. Hemla Embroidery Mills Pvt.Ltd., Faridabad.

News item captioned "P.M. need for latest Defence Technology"

10588. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen a news item appearing in the "National Herald" dated 11th December, 1982 under the caption PM : Need for latest defence technology ; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to improve defence technology indigenously or to be imported from developed nations and the terms thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Yes' Sir.

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is engaged in the indigenous design and development of weapons and equipment needed by Service. Annual reports of the Ministry of Defence give detailed information on the activities of the organisation. Apart from technology developed by DRDO, Defence technology is also obtained from developed nations in the form of technical know-how for licence production of specific items of equipment. The terms are decided in each case depending upon the type of technology acquired.

#### Export Performance

10589. SHRI CHINTAMANJ JENA :  
SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the export target for 1982-83 ;

(b) what was the actual export performance for the year ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there was shortfall of export during the year 1982-83 if so, what are the main items of which the export decline ;

(d) what are the main reasons for the shortfall ;

(e) what is the target fixed for the export for the year 1983-84 ; and

(f) what reasons are being taken to ensure that shortfall does not take place in the export target for the year 1983-84 rather cross the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) The export target for the year 1982-83 was Rs. 8650 crores.

(b) to (d) Exports during the first 9 months of 1982-83, on provisional basis amounted to Rs. 6118.35 crores. Based on recent trends, exports during the year 1982-83 are expected to exceed the target.

(e) The export target for 1983-84, on tentative basis, envisages a growth rate of about 15% over the export performance during 1982-83.

(f) The Govt. have already taken series of measures to strengthen the production base for exports and promote exports. The Import & Export Policy for 1983-84 has been formulated with the major objectives viz. (i) to provide further impetus to exports ; (ii) to effect all possible savings in import ; (iii) to provide support to the growth of indigenous industry ; (iv) to provide for optimum utilisation of the country's resource endowments, especially in manpower and agriculture ; (v) to facilitate technology upgradation, with special emphasis on export promotion & energy conservation ; and (vi) to further simplify and streamline procedures and to reduce points of control. However, it may be stated that the actual export performance depends on various external and internal factors. The persistent recessionary situation abroad and protectionist policies adopted by the industrialised countries continued to have adverse effect on the growth of our exports.