

Meetings of Indo-British Economic Committee Held in New Delhi

1121. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indo-British economic committee had its meetings in New Delhi in the second week of January this year;

(b) the new areas of economic co-operation identified in the meetings and the decisions taken to reinforce co-operation in the existing bilateral trade areas;

(c) the estimated balance of trade between India and the U.K. for the current year; how it compares with the exports and imports figures for the year 1982-83; and

(d) the volume of trade likely to be transacted during 1984-85 under the new agreements if any concluded as a result of these meetings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions held at the meeting pertain to trade and industrial cooperation between the two countries. Both sides agreed that their aim should be extension of trade and industrial collaboration on mutually/beneficial basis.

(c) and (d) Figures for bilateral trade between India and UK for the period April-June, 1982 and April-June, 1983 are given below :—

(in Rs. crores)

	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
1982-83 (April-June)	88.41	233.25	—144.74
1983-84 (April-June)	96.92	183.77	— 86.85

In the minutes of the meeting of the Indo-British Economic Committee, no figures have been indicated regarding the volume of trade likely to be transacted during 1984-85.

Under-Utilisation of Export Quota in 1983

1122. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India utilised about 60 per cent of the export quota available to it in 1983 under EEC's Generalised System of Preferences;

(b) if so, the reasons for under-utilisation of the quotas; and

(c) the comparative export figures for 1982 and 1983 under the scheme, item-wise indicating the export quotas available for each item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b) The GSP utilisation statistics for 1983 are not available from the EEC.

(c) The export figures for 1982 in respect of items subject to quotas/ceilings are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

India's Exports of various items under the GSP Scheme of EEC for the Year 1982.

Value = '000 ECU
(1 ECU = £ 0.483 OE for 1982)
(ECU—European Currency Unit)

Brief Description of the item	GSP quota/ ceiling	Actual Exports	Exports under GSP
1	2	3	4
Lead oxides; red lead and orange lead	1758	4	3
Carbonates of Sodium	1377	4	3
Tetra-cyclines	3850	301	301
Rubber tyres, tyre cases etc.	1186	715	55
Other tyre cases tubes etc.	3084	429	301
Bovine cattle leather	4750	35171	13510
Sheep & lamb skin leather	1563	21446	3244
Goat & kid skin leather	1234	44745	6750
Other kinds of leather	2247	297	41
Chamois-dressed leather	229	1307	638
Travel goods	2233	57	64
Travel goods of other materials	2940	20877	8369
Articles of apparel	3990	11550	7270
Gloves etc.	2929	7201	6909
Fibre building board of wood or other vegetable material	4231	5	4
Wood	6600	19	19
Sawn wood and others	13684	1124	573
Builders' carpentry and joinery	6422	27	17
Wooden tools, total bodies, total handles	452	15	10
Basket work, wicker work and other articles	3944	492	415
Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial material	519	85	33

	1	2	3	4
Footwear with uppers of leather		3332	13696	3970
Other footwear with outer soles of leather		1700	4313	3474
Umbrellas and sunshades		1634	4	2
Artificial flowers etc		2820	11	6
Wigs, false beards etc		13682	11	5
Fabricated asbestos; articles thereof		935	82	79
Table ware and other articles		451	164	136
Earthen ware, fine pottery		590	72	40
Glass inners for vacuum flasks		217	1295	915
Glass ware for kitchen etc.		2071	130	91
Illuminating glass ware		980	28	9
Other Illuminating glass ware		425	37	28
Imitation jewellery		10916	6453	4267
Tubes and pipes and blanks therefor		6285	677	656
Bolts and nuts		916	437	360
Other articles of iron or steel		2075	1031	718
Knives with cutting blades		691	20	13
Spoons, forks, fish-eaters		2000	94	88
Locks & padlocks		1111	143	140
Lamps and lighting fittings		2932	1551	1494
Air pumps, vacuum pumps		7494	439	195
Sewing machine		639	4	4
Parts : furniture specially designed for sewing machines		584	6	4
Electrical goods		8323	187	36
Primary cells & batteries		1876	324	206
Radio telegraphic and radio telephonic transmission and reception apparatus		2730	796	68
Electrical capacitors		2102	698	673
Electric filament lamps		903	26	6
Photocells, including photo-transistors		6840	183	67
Diodes, transistors and similar semi-conductor devices		1200	651	249

1	2	3	4
Insulated electric wire, cable etc.	3489	88	73
Refracting telescopes	1306	2	1
Other clocks	2893	73	55
Gramophones, dictating machines etc.	6773	35	3
Gramophone records and other recordings	2866	1599	690
Chairs and other seats	5250	424	377
Other furniture; parts thereof	3939	965	763
Paints distemper, varnish etc.	800	47	35
Dolls	5535	76	32
Other toys, working models for recreation	13612	332	172
Equipment for funfair games	2661	501	480
Carnival articles	2008	121	107
Statuettes & other ornaments	5571	184	152
Bars & rods, iron or steel	924	23	23
Hand tools	7998	2667	2230

TEXTILES

In about 120 categories, India has individual quotas, the total of which amounts to 26,466.46 tonnes. India's exports of these categories were 18,508 tonnes during 1982.

N.B. : Items and quotas/ceilings have not been mentioned where India has made no exports. The information given relate only to those items where individual country quotas/ceilings are prescribed.

Meeting Regarding DA Rates Payable to Public Sector Employees

the Dearness Allowance rates payable to public sector employees; and

1123. SHRI MADHAV RAO
SCINDIA :

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

SHRI K.A. RAJAN :
SHRIMATI GEETA

MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Trade Unions had a meeting with him on January 27, 1984, about an increase in

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir, representatives of the Central Trade Union Organisations of the Tripartite DA Committee met the Finance Minister on the 27th January, 1984 and exchanged views on the subject.