

(क) क्या बिहार सरकार काफी समय से यह मांग कर रही है कि भारत सरकार को बिहार राज्य में रक्षा उत्पादन एकक स्थापित करने चाहिए;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उक्त मांग के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) से (ग) बिहार सरकार ने अनुरोध किया था कि उनके राज्य में रक्षा उत्पादन एकक स्थापित किए जाएं। राज्य सरकार को सूचित किया गया था कि इस संबंध में नए प्रस्तावों पर विचार करते समय उनके अनुरोध को भी ध्यान में रखा जाएगा।

Goods Imported from Foreign Countries

9851. SHRI N.E. HORO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of goods imported from foreign countries during the period January 1983 to February, 1984 through Government and private shipping companies indicating the names of goods ;

(b) whether those imported goods could not be produced in the country ; and

(c) the names and addresses of the foreign companies through which the foreign goods have been imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) to (c) Based on latest available provisional data, the value of goods imported into India during the period January 1983 to January, 1984, amounted to Rs. 15799 crores.

The Statistics of Foreign Trade of India are compiled in terms of commodities, imports/exports and their break-up by countries of origin/destination. Separate statistics of commodity-wise imports/exports by ship-

ping companies, Government and private, are not available.

India's imports consist largely of industrial raw materials, intermediates and capital goods as well as of certain essential consumption items to bridge the gap between domestic availability and the needs of the economy.

Loan Sanctioned by World Bank to Co-operative Sector of Textile Industry

9852. SHRI BANWARI LAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the world bank has sanctioned a massive loan to the cooperative sector of the textile industry ; and

(b) whether Government are thinking to allow the funds made available by world bank, to be used for purchase of indigenous machinery or there is any possibility of the cooperative sector being allowed to import textile machines in spite of existing indigenous capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. The Bank after the appraisal of National Cooperative Development Corporation-III Project have indicated that they are currently planning to finance approx. US \$ 220 million under IDA Credit out of the total project cost net of duties and taxes of US \$ 439.6 million. One of the sub-components of this project is establishment of integrated cotton and seed processing units.

(b) In the event of successful negotiations for credit with the IDA, the project implementing agencies would be required to observe World Bank guidelines which provide for international competitive bidding with a 15% price preference for the domestic bidders in evaluation.

Pending Export Credit Applications in Indian Overseas Bank, Bihar

9853. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3963 on 16 December, 1983 regarding applications awaiting sanction for opening of branches of Indian Overseas