

(b) if so, facts thereof ;

(c) how do Government propose to meet this threat posed to the country's security ; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to haul up the dastardly gangs of poachers mainly from Taiwan, who are plying havoc with the Indian Fishing Industry off the West Coast ?

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

(b) There have been poaching activities of the foreign fishing trawlers, but no espionage case linked with poaching activities have come to light so far.

(c) and (d) Constant surveillance is maintained by Coast Guard Ships and aircraft particularly in the sensitive areas of our maritime zones. Indian Navy also in the course of its routine deployment, maintains surveillance and is empowered to apprehend violators. Government is, however aware about illegal fishing by foreign fishing vessels in our Territorial Waters. Some of these vessels have been apprehended and prosecuted in the past. With the acquisition of more ships and aircrafts which has been provided for in the Coast Guard Development Plan, the Coast Guard will be able to carry out more effective surveillance of the area.

Import of Heavy Industrial Machinery from Soviet Union

10059-A SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to import a substantial quantity of heavy industrial machinery from the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) to what extent it will be beneficial for the industry ?

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

Keeping in view the balanced bilateral rupee trading arrangements with the Soviet Union and need for diversification of the items of imports, adequate provisions are made from time to time for import of various machinery and other items in the Trade Plans with the USSR. Individual purchase decisions are, however, taken by the competent purchasing authorities, keeping in view the various relevant aspects like specifications, prices, delivery period etc. Since enhanced imports of machinery and equipment from the USSR help in the generation of rupee resources and consequently in promoting exports from India, the indigenous machine building industry stands to get benefited to that extent.

12.00 hrs.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY (Calcutta South) : Please allow us to make submissions one by one.

श्री राम बिलास पासवान (हाजीपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंडल कमीशन के बारे में हमने सजेशन दिया है, होम मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हुए हैं... (व्यवधान) 9 तारीख तक पार्लियामेंट है। मंडल कमीशन के सम्बन्ध में आपकी बड़ी कृपा है, आपने बार-बार इस सदन में बहस करवाई है, लेकिन इसके बाद भी मंडल कमीशन की रिपोर्ट की क्या दुर्गति हो रही है, यह हमें पता नहीं है।... (व्यवधान) आप होम मिनिस्टर से कहें।

श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह (फिरोजाबाद) : मंडल कमीशन से इसका सम्बन्ध जुड़ा हुआ है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपकी दोनों की बात सुन ली मैंने।

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY : We want to know the mind of the Government.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपकी बात वह सुन रहे हैं।

(Interruptions)