

(b) Exporters of vegetables procure their produce for export from assembling mandis and markets where growers bring them. Exporters thus have to pay the same price at which goods are purchased by others for domestic consumption. The price received by grower is higher due to the additional export demand.

(c) There is no separate scheme for export production of vegetables. Incentives to cultivators are given under the Plan Schemes of State Governments.

(d) and (e) Export incentives are paid only to exporters. Incentives to cultivators are through other Plan Schemes.

Export of Railway Engines and Coaches

6752 SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway engines and coaches exported during the last three years alongwith the names of the countries to which these were exported ;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by the export of railway engines and coaches during the said period ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for Indian engines and coaches in foreign countries ; and

(d) if so, number of engines and coaches likely to be exported during the year 1984-85 and whether any agreement has been made in this regard ; if so, the names of the countries to whom export is likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b) No locomotive has been exported during the last three years. 32 coaches valued at Rs. 36 7.72

lakhs were exported to Nigeria in 1981-82. There was no export of coaches during 1982-83 and 1983-84.

(c) and (d) Demand for Indian Engines is extremely limited. This is due to different requirements of Horse Power and gauge in the international market. Similarly there are limitations in the demand of coaches due to different gauge requirements. In addition India has to face a very tough competition with other reputed international suppliers in offering liberal credit terms and competitive prices.

However, for 1984-85, the Projects and Equipment Corporation of India has entered into agreements for export of 9 MG coaches to Bangladesh, 15 diesel electric locomotives and spares to Vietnam and 15 luggage vans to Mozambique.

Trade Deficit

6753. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's exports during the first seven months of 1983 compared to those in the same period in 1982, recorded a fall of 25 per cent and left a trade deficit of dollar 963 million ;

(b) whether it is a fact that while India's exports to the 10 nation EEC countries fell sharply, India's neighbours Pakistan and Bangladesh recorded increase of exports by three and thirteen per cent ; and

(c) if so, how much of the trade gap is due to the faulty liberalised import policy of Government and Government's indulgent attitude to the latest import craze for foreign goods from a section of the people and because of Government's failure to utilize fully the scope for exports offered by EEC ?

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