

(c) According to statistics available upto October, 1982 no carpet has been imported.

(d) According to Import Trade Control Policy, import of carpet, etc. is already included in the banned list of items.

Imperfect Working of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

4760 SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for imperfect working of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers;

(b) Since when the above unit is undergoing losses and extent of loss during the last five years, year-wise break-up separately;

(c) whether such imperfect working does not reflect on our supplies for Defence Services;

(d) the steps taken to streamline its working to make this an earning unit and the results thereof; and

(e) the details of Government loans with the unit during the last five years, year-wise break-up separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Due to certain historical factors like expensive diversification, dispersed activities, unremunerative contracts and industrial unrest, GRSE'S working had been affected resulting in losses. A contract for the supply of three bulk carriers to M/S. Moghul Lines Ltd. has been the single largest factor contributing to GRSE'S losses and liquidity problems over the last few years. The matter is presently under arbitration.

In spite of a steady increase in value of production and Sales, GRSE had incurred losses continuously since 1978-79. The losses during the last five years were as follows :

	(Rs. in crores)
1979-80	6.39
1980-81	7.98
1981-82	12.53
1982-83	18.50
1983-84	11.65
	(Provisional)

(c) Deliveries to Defence Services were affected to some extent, but reben corrective measures have improved the situation very substantially.

(d) Steps taken to improve the working of the company include revamping of the top management, rationalisation of facilities and product-mix, augmentation of facilities in critical areas, induction of new products with better marketability, financial reliefs in regard to interest burden and effective monitoring of performance. Considerable improvements in performance are already discernible and it is expected that the company will be able to turn the corner in the next 2,3 years, if the present trend continues.

(e) Government loans outstanding with the unit for the last five years are as follows :

	(Rs. in crores)
1979-80	26.14
1980-81	37.57
1981-82	44.57
1982-83	54.07
1983-84	64.07