

### Fall in Export of Coal

299. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the fall in the export of coal from Rs. 4.5 crores in 1968-69 to Rs. 2.5 crores in 1969-70 ; and

(b) the steps taken to remedy the deficiencies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). The fall in the export of coal during 1969-70 was due to steep decline in the requirements of coal by Burma and Ceylon which are our main traditional buyers. There was, however, a notable improvement in 1970-71, when coal worth Rs. 3.84 crores was exported. The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation is making all out efforts to capture new markets such as West Germany, Nigeria, Singapore and Japan and for concluding deals for the export of substantial quantities of coking coal, Beehive coke and coke breeze.

### Findings of 1971 Census

300. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :  
SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF ;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the provisional findings of the 1971 Census ;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the Census operation ; and

(c) when the full report of the Census will be made available ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI MOHSIN) : (a) The main provisional findings are :

(i) Population :	Total	546,955,945
	Males	283,055,987
	Females	263,899,958

(ii) Decennial population growth (1961-71)	24.57%
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(iii) Sex Ratio	932 females per 1000 males.
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(iv) Literacy rate	Total	29.35%
(includes population in 0-4 age group).	Males	39.49%
	Females	18.47%

(b) The estimated total expenditure including the processing of data and publication of the results of 1971 Census is likely to be of the order of Rs. 17.68 crores.

(c) The publication of Reports and Tables for the 1971 Census would be in thirty sets of volumes. There would be one set for All-India figures and one for each State/Union Territory. The first report entitled Paper 1 of 1971 "Provisional Population Totals" has already been published. The remaining reports will be published as and when the relevant data are processed. The main general report is likely to be published by 1973.

### Survey Report on Import Policy

301. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :  
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Study report conducted by the Economic and Scientific Research Foundation on import policy and system of import controls as operated by Government ;

(b) if so, the main features of the survey report ; and

(c) how far Government are agreeable to their suggestions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The report lays emphasis on the need for greater awareness for rationalising inventory holdings and for simplification of procedures involved in import control. This is also the approach of the Government. The import policy for 1971-72, with its accent on canalised imports, is designed to achieve the above objectives.