

products to replenish the import content in such export products.

(5) To ensure quick deliveries the Government of India have granted air freight subsidy at the rate of :

- (i) 50% Air freight rate but limited to 10% of the FOB value in case of leather footwear and components thereon.
- (ii) 50% of air freight but limited to 15% of FOB value in the case of finished leather and leather goods.

इस्पात का निर्यात

411. श्री हुकम चन्द्र कश्यप : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष 1969-70 और 1970-71 के दौरान विदेशों को इस्पात की कुल कितनी मात्रा का निर्यात किया गया था और इसमें कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा कमाई गई ; और

(ख) वित्तीय वर्ष 1971-72 के लिए इस्पात के निर्यात का लक्ष्य क्या है और इससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने की आशा है ?

विदेश व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) निर्यात की गई लोहे तथा इस्पात की मद्यो का परिमाण तथा मूल्य निम्नलिखित हैं —

वर्ष	परिमाण मे० (टन)	मूल्य (करोड़ रुपये)
1969-70	13,48,563	75.71
1970-71	9,98,043	66.91

(ख) इन मद्यो की कमी को देखते हुए वर्ष 1971-72 के लिए कोई लक्ष्य नहीं रखा गया है ।

Rise in Prices of Essential Commodities in Tripura

412. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH

MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of essential commodities namely, Kerosene Oil, salt and rice have gone up in Tripura ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check black marketing and to maintain supply of these commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The Government of Tripura have intimated that the prices of essential commodities in that territory have not registered any rise except in the case of rice and salt. The price of rice in the open market has gone up from 145/—per quintal on 15th January, 1971 to Rs. 176/— per quintal on 15th May, 1971 owing to seasonal deficit and heavy influx of evacuees from East Bengal. Even then it compares favourably with Rs. 176.83 per quintal prevailing on the corresponding date last year. To arrest the rise in price of rice, Government of Tripura have opened 304 fair price shops in the territory. The price of salt has also gone up from 30 paise per Kilo on 15th January to 40 paise on 21st May, 1971 in the open market on account of delay in movement of supplies from Jamnagar and the higher price of salt procured from Calcutta. To meet the situation, the Government have been procuring salt locally and supplying it through Fair Price Shops at the fixed price of 35 paise. As supplies from Jamnagar arrive, the price in the open market as also in the Fair Price Shops will gradually come down. As regards Kerosene oil, the Government of Tripura have reported that its supply position is satisfactory. Further, the "Kerosene Fixation of Ceiling Prices Order 1970" is in force in the union territory to check black marketing in Kerosene oil. The Tripura Administration are also keeping in touch with the Assam Oil Company and the Indian Oil Corporation to maintain a steady flow of oil in the territory.

Amendment of Press Council Act

413. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether at a Conference held