

necessary evidence in foreign countries ; and

(b) if so, what is the present position regarding the submission of report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The Commission can record evidence tendered before it even in foreign countries.

(b) The tenure of the Commission has been extended upto 31-12-1971 and the Commission is expected to complete its inquiry and finalise its report by that date.

#### Export through Public Sector Agencies

3525. SHRI D. K. PANDA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) how much of the export in 1968-69 and 1969-70 had been done through the public sector agencies ; and

(b) whether Government intend to take over more export to be handled through the public sector agencies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Over 10 percent of export trade had been handled by the public sector agencies in 1968-69 and 1969-70.

(b) It is the policy of Government to increase progressively the role of State agencies in the export trade. Government has been undertaking studies of various commodities with regard to their suitability for canalisation and will canalise as much of foreign trade through State agencies as is found feasible.

#### Telephonic Link between Kurnool and Muzaffarpur in Bihar

3526. SHRI N. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is proposed to connect directly the Kurnool Telephone Exchange with the Muzaffarpur Exchange in the State of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : No.

The daily booked calls between Kurnool and Muzaffarpur are about 2 for which a direct trunk line is not justified.

#### Indian Official Delegation's Visit to Sudan Re: Trade Relations

3527. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :  
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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any official delegation visited Sudan recently and had talks with the Sudanese officials in regard to trade relations ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A trade Arrangement covering a period of 18 months from July, 1, 1971 to December 31, 1972, was signed. This arrangement envisages a total trade of about Rs. 112 crores and provides for the export of tea, jute manufactures, textiles, species, lentils and engineering goods, etc. from India to Sudan and the import of cotton gum arabic and hides and skins from Sudan into India. Approximately 450,000 bales of cotton are expected to be imported from Sudan into India during the 18 months.

#### Publication of Periodicals by German Democratic Republic in India

3528. SHRI RAM RANWAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of various periodicals published by the German Democratic Republic in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras ;

(b) the languages of these publications ;

(c) the circulation of each periodical ; and

(d) the declared number of subscribers and the number of copies published of each periodical ?