

over, a Coffee Marketing Survey Delegation went to the Far East (Singapore, Hongkong, Thailand and Japan) with a view to step up exports of coffee to these countries. Report from the delegation is under compilation.

#### India's Foreign Trade Statistics

2265. SHRI PILOO MODY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the statistics in regard to India's foreign trade during April-August, 1971 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : Statistics in regard to India's foreign trade during April-August, 1971 are as under :—

	(Rs./crores)
Imports	806
Exports (incl. re-exports)	668

Itemwise details of foreign trade statistics for April-August, 1971 are not yet available.

#### Theft of Parts of Transmission Towers in West Bengal

2266. SHRI DINESH JOARDER : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the serious situation arising out of wide-spread theft of parts of transmission towers in West Bengal causing great damage to electric system and power supply in the State; and

(b) the extent of loss and the steps, if any taken by Government to check the theft of parts of transmission towers ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been informed by the West Bengal State Electricity Board that the approximate loss due to the theft of tower members, as well as conductors, underground

cables, insulators, etc. is Rs. 5 lakhs. The State Electricity Board have taken following steps to check the theft of parts of transmission towers :

- (1) Apprehending the culprits through report of thefts to the Police authorities.
- (2) Institution of strict vigilance and patrolling of lines.
- (3) Locking of nuts of fitting bolts of the tower members to prevent easy removal.
- (4) Welding of nuts with the bolts on all new transmission lines.

#### Trade Agreement with the Peru Government

2267. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have entered into a trade agreement with Government of Peru on the 4th November, 1971; and

(b) if so, the terms thereof ?

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

(b) The contents of the trade agreement is given in the statement, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1182/71]

#### Export of Tea, Coffee, Cardamom and Rubber

2269. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the quantity or value of tea, coffee, cardamom and rubber exported last year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : A statement is attached.