

- (v) that a small management group responsible for steering trade with South America be set up in the S. T. C.

#### India's Share in World Exports

3842. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's share in World's exports has been very poor during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the factors responsible for the poor performance and the steps taken by Government to increase its share ?

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

(b) Both external and internal factors have contributed to the present position regarding India's share of world trade. World demand for our major traditional exports is not growing fast enough for certain reasons. Commodities like tea have been faced with the problems of slow growth of demand in the importing countries, excess production and low prices for the last many years. The exports of jute manufactures were affected by the growth of synthetic substitutes as well as competition from erstwhile East Pakistan. Development of indigenous capacity in other developing countries as well as quota restrictions in developed countries have affected exports of cotton textiles. On the domestic front, more recently there have been shortages of some critical inputs like steel which have hampered the growth of exports. There is a growing demand for industrial goods in many countries but the industrial production base in India has not yet expanded sufficiently to cater to this demand. Output of some commercial crops which enter our export trade has also been inadequate and this has affected export surpluses.

The Government has been taking from time to time steps to promote exports and increase India's share in world exports. The Export Policy Resolution laid before the Parliament on 30th July, 1970 incorporates the broad features of Government's export

trade policy. The export promotion measures include supply of imported raw material through the replenishment licences schemes, removal of capacity constraints, abolition or reduction of export duty, drawbacks of import and excise duties, etc.

#### दरभंगा जिले में झंझारपुर और हसनपुर के बीच नई रेलवे लाइन

3843. श्री राम भगत पासवान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार दरभंगा जिले में झंझारपुर और हसनपुर के बीच एक नई लाइन बनाने का है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तया) : (क) साकरी और झंझारपुर पहले से रेल द्वारा सम्बद्ध है। साकरी से हसनपुर तक रेल सम्पर्क के लिए यातायात सर्वेक्षण करने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ख) प्रस्तावित सर्वेक्षण के परिणाम ज्ञात हो जाने के बाद उक्त प्रस्ताव पर आगे विचार किया जायेगा।

#### अजमेर में दूटे-फूटे रेल के माल डिब्बों की नीलामी

3844. श्री लीलाजी भाई : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अजमेर में दूटे-फूटे माल-डिब्बों की गत एक वर्ष में कितनी बार नीलामी हुई;

(ख) इन्हें कितने व्यापारियों ने खरीदा; और

(ग) कुल कितने माल डिब्बे किस भाव पर बेचे गए और कुल कितने रुपयों की बिक्री हुई ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तया) : (क). वर्ष 1971-72 में छः बार।