

(ख) डेनेदर्रो-ने-सडक सखंधी निर्माण कार्यों पर सभी बिटूमन ब्रूमों का उपयोग किया और डेकेदारो से तदनसार वसूलिया की जा रही है।

(ग) उर्रोक्त (क) तथा (ख) को देखने हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Export to Oil-rich countries at concessional price

3613 SHRI K LAKKAPPA
SHRI P M MEHTA

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether in a bid to give a new direction to its export promotion drive India has offered to sell its goods at concessional prices to some of the oil rich countries of the Persian gulf on the clear understanding that the latter can re-export them at higher price,

(b) to what extent this decision will help India, and

(c) the names of the countries to which this offer has been made and their reaction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) to (c). We have been exploring various ways and means for increasing our exports. In the West Asian region, one of the main hurdles, which we have been facing is the inability of some of these countries to pay for their imports in foreign exchange. At the same time, there are some rich countries like Libya, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi in the region who have all the free foreign exchange to spare. In these circumstances, we have been endeavouring to explore whether any of these countries could buy some of our goods against free foreign exchange and then dispose them off to their neighbouring

Arab countries at terms mutually agreed upon amongst themselves. So far this plan is only in exploratory stages

Decision to buy Urea and liquid Ammonia from Kuwait.

3614 SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether India had decided to buy Urea and liquid Ammonia from Kuwait in 1973-74 and

(b) if so the terms of agreement reached between the two countries in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) and (b). As regards Urea Fertilizer, the Kuwaiti Delegation which visited New Delhi recently indicated the availability of about 150,000 tonnes annually with effect from July 1973. We are interested in this Urea availability indicated by the Kuwaiti side but no agreement as such has been signed so far.

Regarding Ammonia from Kuwait, negotiations are in the final stages and an agreement in this respect is expected to be concluded in the near future.

Construction of buildings for the Offices of Collectorate of Central Excise, Patna

3615. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Collector, Central Excise, Patna Collectorate had purchased pieces of land some years ago