

refrigerators and deep freezers, water coolers, electrical household articles, vacuum flasks, sports goods, paints, aluminium kitchen utensils etc.

India's trade with Poland, as in the case of other East European countries, is regulated by Long Term Trade and Payments Agreements which provides for the settlement of all commercial and non-commercial transactions in non-convertible Indian rupees. This is a balanced form of trading and imports and exports are to balance each other over a period of time.

It is not practicable at this stage to indicate the increase in foreign exchange earnings in respect of any particular item. However, the Trade Plan for 1973, as a whole, envisages exports from India of the order of Rs. 70 crores.

Export and Import of Shrimps, Lobsters and Deep-sea Fish

669. SHRI H. M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from exports of shrimps, lobsters and deep-sea fish in general during the last one year;

(b) the countries to which these items are being exported; and

(c) whether we are also importing shrimps, lobsters and other sea food from Bangladesh and if so, the value thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The total value of exports of marine products which includes shrimps, lobsters and deep sea fish was estimated to be of the order of Rs. 58.13 crores during 1972.

(b) U.S.A. and Japan are major markets followed by West European countries like U.K., France, Belgium, West Germany etc.

(c) No, Sir.

Foreign Exchange Earning

670. SHRI H. M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign exchange earning during the last three years year-wise;

(b) whether our foreign trade has been on the decline or is picking up; and

(c) if it is on the decline the reasons therefor and the efforts, if any made or being made to increase India's exchange earning through export of Indian goods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Exports (including re-exports)

Year	Value in Rs. crores.
1969-70	1413.3
1970-71	1535.2*
1971-72	1606.6
1971 (April-Nov.)	1006.5
1972 (April-Nov.) provisional.	1239.3

*Not comparable with other figures due to a change in the method of its compilation in November 1970.

(b) Picking up.

(c) Does not arise.

Two-way Trade between India and Bangladesh

671. SHRI H. M. PATEL:
SHRI B. S. CHOWHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to increase the two-way trade between India and Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?