

House of Parliament. A gist of such exemption notifications is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4254/73].

Trade Agreement with Spain

793. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreement, other than that signed in December, 1972, has been signed between India and Spain; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Large-scale Under-Invoicing

794. SHRI BIJOY MODAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the Calcutta Port Authorities recently about the large-scale under-invoicing, if so, the broad outlines thereof;

(b) The reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any action has been taken to check it, if so, the broad outlines thereof?

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

(b) and (c). The matter is under investigation.

Export of Mysore raw silk

795. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mysore State has decided release raw silk for export

even at reduced prices as the international price is comparatively lower than the internal market price;

(b) whether Mysore State has requested the Central Government to compensate the State Government as various manufacturing units in the State are in the public sector and their viability has to be maintained; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). No Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Development of Chilka Lake in Orissa

796. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government have approached the Centre for the development of Chilka Lake; and

(b) if so, the decision of Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Department of Tourism recently.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal to Revise the Interest Rate on Provident Fund

797. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the question of revising the interest rate on Provident Fund; and

(b) if so, the likely increase in the interest and tentative date from which it will be applicable?