

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Institute of foreign Trade had organised a Seminar on "Marketing in the Gulf", mainly to discuss the Report on Market Survey of Select Gulf Countries (Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Oman) which the Institute had earlier conducted.

(c) The Market Survey Report and the views expressed in the seminar are receiving attention in the Ministry.

Trade Agreement with East European Countries

9094. **SHRI RAJDEO S'NGH:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the present position of India's trade with East European countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): The position of India's trade with East European countries during 1972-73 and April to October, 1973 (latest available) is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)		
	1972-73	April-Oct. '73
Imports	211	126
Exports	458	267
Total	669	393

Export of Marine Products

9095. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports of marine products attained an all time high of 48,785 tonnes valued at Rs. 79.58 crores registering an increase of 27.47 per cent in terms of value; and 692 LS-4

(b) whether Government are making efforts to maintain this growth rate in coming years?

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

Amount spent on construction of new Aerodrome at Hubli

9096. **SHRI A. K. KOTRASHETTI:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on the construction of new aerodrome at Hubli; and

(b) when will the aerodrome be open for flight operations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a): Nil, Sir.

(b) The construction of the aerodrome is expected to be completed during the Fifth Plan period.

Plans of Textile Industry to change over to Coal-fired Boilers

9097. **SHRI D. D. DESAI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plans of the Textile Industry to change over to coal-fired boilers have not materialised due to inability of either the Coal Mining Authority to provide coal or of the Railways to transport it or both; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b): the plans of the textile industry to change