

Trade between India and South Africa

2709. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that trade is taking place unofficially between India and South Africa; and

(b) if so, the particulars of such trade?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of 'Beedies'

2710 SHRI P. R. SHENOY Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have explored the possibility of exporting 'Beedies' to foreign countries, and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir Tobacco Export Promotion Council, Madras sponsored by the Government is undertaking a number of measures for the promotion of export of Tobacco and Tobacco products including beedies' by dissemination of market information participation in exhibitions in India and abroad, conducting market surveys, distribution of Publicity folders, sending trade delegations etc

(b) Beedies are being exported to more than twenty countries in the world. Some of our markets are Malaysia, Singapore, U.S.A., Switzerland, Nepal, Dubai, Qatar, Afghanistan. During the last two years our export earnings from 'Beedies' were as follows:—

Year	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
1972-73 . . .	65 Tonnes	14.01 lakhs
1973-74 . . .	72 Tonnes	14.97 lakhs

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Export of Fish during 1974-75

2711 SHRI P. R. SHENOY Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fish exported by India in the year 1974-75 and the amount earned therefrom;

(b) whether there is a downward trend in the demand from abroad for fish from India, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve its demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) 20.5 thousand tonnes of fish valued at Rs 38.04 crores were exported during April-October 1974 (1974-75).

(b) While there is a decline in the exports of fish during 1974-75 so far, as compared to the exports in the corresponding period last year due to recession in affluent markets coupled with lower catches of exportable varieties of fish, this has not yet assumed the form of a downward trend in the demand for fish from India

(c) In order to arrest the decline in exports of fish so far, two sales delegations—one to USA and the other to Japan—were sent in December, 1974.

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2712. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह वर ने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या अपोलो होटल, कोलाबा बम्बई में ठहरने और खाने पीने का भारतीयों से कम और विदेशियों से अधिक चार्ज किया जाता है ,

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और वर्ष 1972-73 तथा 1973-74 में कितने भारतीय तथा विदेशी वहाँ पर ठहरे