

Central Design Institute for Heavy Machine Building Plant

817. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Shri M. S. Thacker to advise Government on proposals for establishment of Central Design Institute for Heavy Machine Building Plant, has since submitted its proposals;

(b) whether draft proposals for the Design Institute have been worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam) (a). No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Foreign Demand for Indian Goods

813. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri P. B. Chakraverti:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of foreign demand for Indian goods has recently been carried out with respect to the year 1962-63;

(b) if so, with which countries the adverse balance of trade in the preceding year had been changed into a favourable balance in 1962-63 and the comparative figures for the two years; and

(c) with which countries the adverse balance of trade continued or increased during 1962-63 and how the respective figures compare?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No survey particularly with respect to the year 1962-63 has been conducted. Survey of foreign demand of Indian goods is a continuous process, and as such

the question of expansion of trade with various countries of the world is constantly under review. Market surveys on specific commodity in particular countries are also conducted through specialised agencies or Commercial Representatives as the case may be.

(b) and (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1977/63].

It will be noted therefrom that with the following countries our adverse balance of trade in 1961-62 had been changed into favourable one in 1962-63:—

- (1) East Germany
- (2) Hungary
- (3) Poland
- (4) Rumania
- (5) Yugoslavia
- (6) Luxembourg
- (7) Denmark
- (8) Singapore
- (9) Formosa
- (10) Nyasaland
- (11) Canada
- (12) Dominican Republic
- (13) Mexico.

Our adverse balance of trade continued or increased during 1962-63 as compared to 1961-62 with the following countries:—

- (1) Bulgaria
- (2) Czechoslovakia
- (3) U.S.S.R.
- (4) *Belgium
- (5) *France
- (6) *Germany West
- (7) *Italy
- (8) *Netherlands
- (9) *Austria
- (10) *Norway
- (11) Sweden
- (12) *Switzerland