

(b) the volume of India's trade with Burma during the last five years; and

(c) the volume of trade expected during the next five years?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) India's export of textiles (including cotton, jute, coir, art-silk manufactures etc.) to Burma was valued at Rs. 396.20 lakhs in 1964-65 and Rs. 188.55 lakhs in 1965-66.

(b) The volume of trade with Burma during the years 1961-62 to 1965-66 is given below:—

Year	(Rs. Lakhs)	
	Volume of Trade	
1961-62 . . .	16,50	
1962-63 . . .	14,17	
1963-64 . . .	14,81	
1964-65 . . .	16,71	
1965-66 . . .	12,98	

(c) It is difficult to forecast the volume of trade with Burma during the next five years. However, it is expected that our exports will be competitive and will increase.

Indian Textiles Promotion Unit

4199. Shri Umanath:
Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri M. N. Swamy:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Textiles Promotion Unit is housed in the Indian Embassy Building in Rangoon;

(b) whether the entry to this building is strictly restricted; and

(c) if so, what purpose is served by the Unit as regards the exhibition of the Indian textiles?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi): (a) to (c). There is no Indian Textiles Promotion or Exhibition Unit housed in the Indian Embassy building in Rangoon. However, the office of the representative of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council is located in the Embassy premises. The representative has been stationed in Rangoon in order to promote exports of cotton textiles from India to Burma which has a big potential.

List of Essential Commodities

4200. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Murlil Manohar:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) if so, the details of the commodities affected by the expansion; and

(c) when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The list of commodities so far declared 'essential' under the Essential Commodities Act 1965 is under constant review. As and when considered necessary, more commodities will be brought under the purview of the Act. The commodities at present covered under the Essential Commodities Act are as shown in the list laid on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-7015/66].

Damage to Wheat transported to Srinagar

4201. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 809 on the 29th July, 1966, regarding the loading of wheat