

Output of Educational Institutions

2835. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has calculated the output of educational institutions in its proposals for the Fourth Plan ;

(b) what is roughly the balance sheet between the employment opportunities arising from the Fourth Plan and the Educated employees available ; and

(c) whether the Commission has considered raising the standard of living and working in rural areas to the level of urban areas, as a means of creating employment opportunities if employment opportunities are insufficient in urban areas ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). As the proposals for the Fourth Plan have not yet been finally settled, it is not possible to indicate the position at this stage.

Trade with African Countries

2836. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased state.

(a) with reference to his speech at the meeting of the Board of Trade, what is the quantum of our export trade in manufacture with Africa and future projections of the same ;

(b) the average difference in prices between our exports and those of the developed countries for these items ;

(c) whether the establishment of joint ventures is likely to reduce our export trade beyond the exports of spares and components ; and

(d) the reasons for which imports of the value of Rs. 25 lakhs were effected as against import licences worth Rs. 146 crores sanctioned ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHAY RAM SEWAK) : (a) India's exports of manufactures (viz. cotton and jute manufactures,

engineering goods, manufactures of metals, iron and steel machinery and transport equipment, footwear, developed cinematographic films and miscellaneous manufactured goods) during 1967-68 to Africa were valued at Rs. 41.55 crores. The export prospects for the future are still being worked out in the context of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) It will be seen that there is a very wide range of goods covered by the term "manufactures", and within each category there are further variations in specifications and qualities. It has not therefore been found practicable to make a meaningful price comparison.

(c) Many other countries are eager to enter into joint ventures in Africa. Such joint ventures would be established in any case, even without our participation. Where we do participate, this will be of advantage in stimulating exports of our machinery and capital goods

(d) The entrepreneurs who had evinced considerable interest in the beginning in setting up factories in the Kandla Free Trade Zone and to whom licences totalling Rs. 1.46 crores for the import of machinery were issued, have not been active in making use of those licences. They have however not explained their reasons for not utilising the licences issued to them.

Idle Capacity in Textile Mills

2837. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of idle capacity in the Textile Mills ;

(b) the extent of reduction in the production of handlooms during the year 1967-68 ;

(c) the powerloom capacity to be licensed and whether this is not likely to increase the idle capacities in textile mills and handlooms ;

(d) the capacity of power-looms to be licensed in the Co-operative Sector and how much finance at concessional rates would be made available in the total ; and

(e) in view of the changed pattern of production and consumption whether Government do not consider the need for