

रेलवे मन्त्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) :

(क) 1,24,820.25 रुपये ।

(ख) 22,069.36 रुपये ।

India's Exports

144. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :

SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

SHRI NARENDRA SINGH

MAHIDA :

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :

SHRI R. K. SINHA :

SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :

SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :

SHRI SHIVACHANDRA JHA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of India's exports of (i) traditional and (ii) non-traditional items during the first nine months of the current financial year ;

(b) the value of exports of traditional and non-traditional items during this period to each different country ;

(c) how far the exports have been successful in balancing the imports and by what time, in the light of the present rate of increase in exports, it is expected that India exports will be able to even out imports; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to augment India's exports further ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHRY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Commodity-wise statistics are available only for the period April-November, 1968. Total exports during this period amount to Rs. 908.30 crores. No attempt has been made to officially classify exports as traditional and non-traditional. However, export earnings of items generally termed as traditional ones are shown in the list laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. Lt—16,69] amounted to Rs. 540.52 crores during April-November, 1968. The balance of 367.78 crores, therefore represents the value of other items of exports.

(b) A statement showing the directions of India's export trade to different countries for the period April-November, 68 is enclosed. The figures in respect of direction of trade are maintained in terms of total exports and not in terms of traditional and non-traditional items.

(c) In the past three years India's trade deficit has been progressively reduced from Rs. 921.9 crores in 1966-67 to Rs. 775.6 crores in 1967-68 and further from Rs. 581.88 crores in April-December, 1967 to Rs. 357.5 crores in April-December, 1968, both on account of an increase in exports and a fall in imports. Considering that during the process of development, import requirements of a country normally tend to exceed its capacity to exports for a long time, a perfect balance between imports and exports cannot be expected to be achieved in our foreign trade in the near future except by cutting back the rate of growth of the economy.

(d) The requisite information is being laid on the Table of the house in reply to Unstarred Question No. 182 due for answer in the Lok Sabha on 18-2-1969.

Birla Group of Industries

145. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a final decision in regard to the remaining Birla concerns against whom there were allegations and about whom Government were collecting the necessary data ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ;

(c) the number of Birla Concerns relating to which irregularities were found and the action taken against them ; and

(d) the steps taken to check such irregularities in future ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) As I mentioned in the *Rajya*