

Formation of an Asian Economic Community

4472 SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Ceylon have explored the possibilities of forming an Asian Economic Community during the talks between the representatives of the two countries on economic cooperation held in January, 1969; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Asian Countries to the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir. A copy of the Communique issued after the talks, has already been placed on the Table of the House in reply to parts (d) and (e) of Starred Question No. 450 answered on March 12, 1969.

(b) Does not arise.

Market for Industrial Goods Manufactured by Ceylon

4473. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

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

(a) whether the desirability of providing a limited market to industrial goods which Ceylon is in a position to manufacture because of her natural endowments like rubber etc. as a first step towards Asian Corporation has been examined;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c). The matter was,

inter-alia generally considered by the Indo-Ceylon Joint Committee on Economic Co-operation at its first meeting in Colombo in January, 1969. The Committee identified certain commodities where a potential existed for expansion of mutual trade, and it was decided to set up a small Working Group consisting of representatives of the two Governments to recommend arrangements, where appropriate, for expansion of trade between the two countries in these commodities.

All India Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Association

4474. SHRI TENNETI VISHWANATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Drugs and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association have represented to Government that compulsory export imposed on them should be kept in abeyance for five years; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggestions made are being examined.

Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty

4475 SHRI D. N. PATODIA : SHRI CHENGALRRAYA NAIDU : SHRI N. R. LASKAR : SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA : SHRI R. K. SINHA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has pointed out to the Government of Nepal that since the signing of the *aide-memoire* between the two countries, the trade between

the two countries has not proceeded on the lines as was desired; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of Nepal in the matter and whether the trade treaty between the two countries is likely to be amended suitably ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). No *Aide-Memoire* has been signed as such between India and Nepal. Presumably the Hon'ble Members have in mind the agreements reached at the trade talks held in Kathmandu in November, 1968, between the representatives of the two Governments. A copy of the Joint press Report issued on the conclusion of the talks has already been placed on the Table of the House on November 19, 1968. The Treaty of Trade and Transit between the Government of India and H. M. G. of Nepal is valid up to October 31, 1970. No amendment in the provision of the Treaty is contemplated at present.

जापान को लौह-युक्त मंगनीज का निर्यात

4476. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह : क्या बंदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जापान को लौह-युक्त मंगनीज का निर्यात करने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी मात्रा कितनी है, और इस बारे में हुए करार का ब्योरा क्या है ?

बंदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) तथा (ख). भारत से निर्यातित मंगनीज अयस्क में लौहा भिन्न-भिन्न अनुपात में होता है जो अयस्क के ग्रेड पर निर्भर करता है। वर्ष 1969 में सुपुर्वगी के लिए निम्नलिखित परिमाण में मंगनीज अयस्क जापान को बेचा गया :-

- (1) फेरुजिनस मंगनीज अयस्क (30 प्र० श० मंग० 16-18 प्र० श० लौह सहित) जिसमें रुधुर 'सी' (30/32 प्र० श० मंग० 20-22 प्र० श० लौहा सहित) —4 लाख टन
- (2) मंगनीज फेरम अयस्क (27/28 प्र० श० मंगनीज 23-25 प्र० श० लौह सहित) —2 लाख टन (अनुमानतः)
- (2) कात्ना लौह अयस्क (5-8 प्र० श० मंग० 43-52 प्र० श० लौह सहित) —1 लाख टन (अनुमानतः)

Second Fleet at Visakhapatnam

4477. SHRI LOBO PRABHU :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether new vessels and institutions will be added to the second fleet to be constituted at Visakhapatnam; and if so, the estimated cost;

(b) the number of new posts to be created and the additional cost involved thereby;

(c) the advantages that will arise which are not possessed by the existing base at Visakhapatnam; and

(d) which country is assisting in its construction ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (A) to (D). A Russian team of experts assisted in preparing a project report for setting up naval facilities at Vishakhapatnam. The work of construction is entrusted to Indian engineers. The development of these naval facilities is a part of the programme for strengthening the