

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our scientists are following with interest the results of quarantine tests being carried out on the crew of Apollo 11 after their return to earth.

Trade with African Countries

3394. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the value of our exports and imports to each African country during the last three years ;

(b) the reasons for which our imports from these countries are lagging behind ; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken to improve the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) A statement showing the country-wise value of imports from and exports to African countries during the last three financial years is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1664/69.]

(b) It will be evident from the statement that our imports are not lagging behind. The imports during 1968-69 were in excess both of exports during 1968-69 and of imports during the two preceding years.

(c) Does not arise.

Central Loans and Grants for Development of Powerloom Cooperatives in West Bengal

3395. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount advanced by the Centre as loans and grants to West Bengal for the development of powerloom cooperatives during the Second and the Third Five Year Plan period ;

(b) whether any irregularities in the utilisation of this assistance have come to the notice of Government ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Rs. 48,02,900/-.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Requirements of power for Defence Services in Delhi Cantonment

3396. SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the full requirements of power of the Defence Services in Delhi Cantonment have been met ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply of electricity in Delhi is quite easy ;

(c) if so, whether power connections to civilian consumers are being sanctioned ; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, the time by which power connections will be made available to civilians ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Power requirement of the MES in Delhi Cantonment is at present met in full by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

(c). No, Sir. The applications from the residents of Gopinath and Sadar Bazar areas received since June 1967 are pending as transformers to serve these areas and the connected distribution system are still to be installed.

(d) It is expected that electric connections to the civilian consumers in respect of applications so far received will be completed by the end of March 1970.

Conditions of Agriculture and Agriculturalists in Kosi Area

3397. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has conducted a study in the Kosi Project area in Bihar with regard to

the conditions of agriculture and agriculturists ;

- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :
(a) The Planning Commission themselves did not undertake such a study. However, at their instance, a study was conducted by the Government of Bihar in the Kosi project area.

(b) and (c). The study covered selected farm families in Purnea and Saharsa districts of Bihar. The objective of the study was to identify the problems of small farmers. The findings of this study along with the findings of similar studies carried out in other parts of the country were taken into account in the formulation of the Fourth-Five-Year Plan in which considerable stress has been laid on the development of the economy of small farmers.

India's Jute Bag Manufacturing Project in Uganda

3398. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :

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

(a) whether an Indian Industrialist's proposal to establish a jute bag manufacturing project has been approved by the Uganda Government ;

(b) if so, the name of the industrialist ;

(c) whether Government have permitted the industrialist to establish a plant in partnership with the Uganda Development Corporation ; and

(d) the names of those industrialists who have established plants in partnership in other countries and the names of these countries ?

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

(b) M/s. Birla Jute Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Calcutta.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Requisite information is appended below :—

S. No.	Name of Indian Industrialist	Country of Investment
1.	M/s. Birla Brothers (P) Ltd., Calcutta	Ethiopia, Nigeria, U K.
2.	M/s. Bombay Soap Factory, Bombay.	Ethiopia
3.	M/s. Duncan Brothers & Co. Ltd., Calcutta.	Ethiopia
4.	Shri R.M. Goculdas, Bombay.	Kenya
5.	M/s. K.T. Dongre & Co. (P) Ltd., Bombay.	Kenya
6.	M/s. Raymond Woollen Mills Ltd., Bombay.	Kenya
7.	M/s. H.L. Malhotra & Sons (P) Ltd., Calcutta.	Kenya
8.	M/s. Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd., Bombay.	Libya
9.	M/s. Jay Engg. Works. Calcutta.	Ceylon
10.	M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. (P) Ltd., Bombay.	Malaysia
11.	M/s. Anil Hardboards Ltd., Bombay.	Canada
12.	M's. Indian Cork Mill, Bombay.	Kenya

Order placed with a British firm by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., for Supply of Planes

3399. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a leading firm of British Aircraft manufacturers has been asked by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., to supply planes to India ;

(b) if so, the names of the British firm and the types and total number of the planes ordered for ;