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#### Import Trade in Raw Material

530. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
DR. P. MANDAL :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Advisory Council on Trade met on the 27th and 28th September this year and examined the recently-announced policy of Government for progressively taking over the import trade in raw materials ;

(b) if so, the points examined ; and

(c) the recommendations made by the Council ?

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

(b) and (c). Apprehensions were expressed at the meeting that the STC and MMTC may not be able to import the raw materials efficiently. It was pointed out that these Government agencies were importing, with increasing efficiency, a number of important raw materials from world market in competition with other buyers and have also been able to supply them at prices which are fair and equitable and it was therefore proposed to accelerate the process of canalising the import of raw materials through these agencies.

#### Training to Personnel of Nationalised Banks in Foreign Trade

532. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI R. BARUA :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has organised a comprehensive training programme to train the personnel of the nationalised banks in various fields particularly in foreign Trade and export credit ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have requested the institute to undertake a study of the market of Iran to suggest trade expansion and identify products that could be sold to Iran ; and

(c) if so, whether the study reports have been received ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) At the instance of National Institute of Bank Management the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade proposes organising a special training programme on "Financing Exports" for the senior executives of the nationalised Banks, with the object of helping the banking industry to build up a cadre of executives adequately equipped for directing the export promotion activities of banks.

(b) No, Sir ; the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has, however, on its own recently undertook a survey of exports prospects of products and commodities selected on the twin criteria of import possibilities in Iran and export surpluses of India, as well as possibilities of establishment of Joint ventures and also areas requiring greater economic cooperation between the two countries.

(c) The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade have made available the report to concerned Departments of the Government, Export Promotion Councils and other export organisations for initiating action on the recommendations contained therein.

#### कलपवक्रम में फास्ट ब्रीडर एटॉमिक रिएक्टर

533. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फ्रांस के सहयोग से कलपवक्रम में स्थापित किये जा रहे 'फास्ट ब्रीडर रिएक्टर' में किस ईंधन का प्रयोग किया जायेगा और इस में कोरियम का किस प्रकार उपयोग होगा ; और

(ख) उक्त रिएक्टर के परिणामस्वरूप भारत कब तक एक बड़े एटॉमिक फास्ट ब्रीडर रिएक्टर को स्थापित करने की स्थिति में होगा ?