

(c) Taking into account the available resources and inherent limitations like restricted construction season, constant use of the roads even when works are proceeding, the progress of work of the whole has been satisfactory.

(d) Progress of works is reviewed periodically. In the case of projects entrusted to General Reserve Engineer Force, additional resources are inducted when works need to be speeded up. Where P.W.D. are unable to complete a road by the date required, and GREF are in a position to achieve the target earlier, the agency of work is changed.

**EXPORT OF HARD COKE TO WEST GERMANY  
BY MINERALS AND METALS TRADING  
CORPORATION**

5182. SHRI HIMATSINGKA :  
SHRI P.C. ADICHAN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether west Germany has lately placed orders with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for import of Indian hard coke;

(b) if so, the quantity of hard coke to be exported to that country; and

(c) the cost and other terms of the contract ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The MMTC have concluded contracts with two West German firms for export of 1,50,000 tons (plus/minus 10%) of B.P. hard coke valued at around Rs. 2 crores. Supplies against these contracts would commence in December, 1969 and the exports are likely to be completed by March, 1971.

**EXPORT OF FERRO-MANGANESE**

5183. SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI  
SHRI V. NARSIMHA RAO:  
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:  
SHRI D. N. DEB:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of prices and quantity of export of ferro-manganese from India to

various countries during the last six months and

(b) whether some difficulties have recently arisen in the export of ferro-manganese and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) 81,483 tonnes of ferro-manganese valued at Rs. 5.52 crores have been exported to various countries during June to November, 1969. Some of the important destinations are Japan, U.S.A. Sweden, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Italy. The F.O.B. realisation has varied between U.S. £82.9 to 124.2 per tonne.

(b) no difficulty has arisen recently in the export of ferro-manganese.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED FROM  
AGARBATTI TRADE**

5184. SHRI J.K. CHOUDHURY :  
Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate foreign exchange earned from the Agarbatti trade;

(b) the names of the countries to which Agarbatti is exported; and

(c) the facilities which are likely to be given to this industry for earning more foreign exchange ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House (*Placed in library See No. 27—2506/69*).

(c) Import Replenishment at the rate of 20% of the F.O.B. value is allowed against export of Agarbatti.

**TECHNIQUE FOR AVAILABILITY OF TEA  
LEAVES THROUGHOUT YEAR**

5185. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tocklai Experimental Station has evolved any New technique for getting ten leaves throughout the year;

(b) whether the said technique has been made available to the Tea Estates in Assam and West Bengal and if so, with what results; and