

**Extension of Chinese Base in
Chumbi Valley**

580. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-
DHURY :
SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chinese have extended their base at Phari Dzong in Chumbi Valley that cuts Sikkim from Bhutan North of India-Tibet border to receive logistic support ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). While Chinese troops continue their activities in various military stations across the border, including Phari Dzong, there is no indication of any significant augmentation in their strength or build-up. Our security forces continue to be vigilant on the border.

Import through STC

581. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to import some more items through the State Trading Corporation ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) The import of the following items has recently been canalised through the State Trading Corporation :

Titanium dioxide.

Ammonium nitrate—technical grade.

Cresylic acid.

Hops.

**Bilateral Trade Arrangements with
African Countries**

582. SHRI B.K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the possibility of more bi-

lateral trade arrangement was discussed by Indian envoys from African countries in New Delhi in December, 1969 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived at in the meeting ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Heads of Indian Missions in Africa, at their meeting at New Delhi in December, 1969, discussed various measures to promote Indian exports to Africa. Among other things, it was agreed that our Missions could investigate the possibility of new bilateral trade agreements, provided these were such as could create the right climate for increasing our trade.

**Exhibition Organised by Japan External
Trade Organisation**

583. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India participated in an exhibition of the primary products of developing countries organised by the Japan External Trade Organisation ;

(b) the names of the countries which participated in that exhibition ;

(c) the details of the goods exhibited in that exhibition by India ; and

(d) whether any orders were booked for the exhibited goods and if so, to what extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It was an exclusively Indian exhibition.

(c) The goods exhibited included industrial raw materials, semi-finished products, mineral ores, light engineering goods, automobile components, a wide range of agricultural products, coir and jute goods, handicrafts, handlooms, carpets etc.

(d) Trial orders worth \$12,000 were booked. This however does not reflect the totality of export prospects generated. The results in terms of specific orders booked following our participation can be fully gauged over a period of time.