

financial year so far as compared to that exported during the same period in 1969-70 ?

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

(b) The main items for which the demand has increased are as follows :—

- (1) Gem and jewellery and precious stones.
- (2) Woollen carpets, rugs and druggest with namdahs.
- (3) Art metalwares.
- (4) Woodwares.
- (5) Hand Printed Textiles.
- (6) Shawls and Scarves as artwares.
- (7) Zari.
- (8) Leather Goods.
- (9) Stone work, alabaster, etc.
- (10) Imitation jewellery.
- (11) Embroidered goods.
- (12) Other wo-ks of art.

The names of important importing countries where demand for Indian handicrafts has increased recently are given below :—

- (1) Aden.
- (2) Australia.
- (3) Belgium.
- (4) Canada.
- (5) France.
- (6) Hong Kong.
- (7) Italy.
- (8) Japan.
- (9) Lebanon.
- (10) Luxemburg.
- (11) Netherlands.
- (12) Saudi Arabia.
- (13) Switzerland.
- (14) U. K.
- (15) U. S. A.
- (16) U. S. S. R.
- (17) West Germany.

(c) Export figures for handicrafts for the current financial year (1970-71) are not yet available. The export figures of handicrafts

for the years 1968-69 and 1969-70 are as under :—

(Rs. lakhs)

Year	Export of handicrafts
1968-69	7647.38
1969-70	9472.12

Deployment of Navy during Strike of Cochin Port Workers

2576. SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :
SHRI P. GOPALAN :
SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Navy was used recently in Cochin Port during the strike of the Port workers to unload supplies ;

(b) if so, whether it is the policy of Government to use Defence forces as strike breakers ; and

(c) the overriding considerations which led to the use of the Navy during the strike to unload ships ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA) : (a) Yes. 85 Naval Armament Depot civilian personnel were employed for stevedoring and portorage for 3days from 5th June, 1970 to unload military stores from S. S. MOJISK. No other assistance was sought or rendered for maintenance of port facilities during the period of the strike.

(b) No.

(c) The immediate unloading of military stores was necessary.

Construction of Barak Dam Project

2577. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made towards the Barak Dam Project construction ;

(b) whether the Government of Assam and Manipur have come to any solution regarding this ; and