

Exports of iron ore made by MMTC to Japan during 1967-68 to 1969-70 alongwith the profits earned or losses incurred thereon are indicated below :—

Year	Qty. Expor- ted (M. Ton- nes)	Value (Rs. cro- res)	Profit/ Loss (Rs. Crores)
1967-68	5.6	35.8	0.3 loss
1968-69	6.6	45.3	No loss or gain
1960-70	7.7	51.5	0.1 loss

(c) Though the unit value of sales of iron ore to Japan compares favourably to the international price level, some losses have had to be incurred because of expensive transport cost involved in the procurement of the ore from areas far away from the sea ports.

“Partners for Progress” Fair held in West Germany

4897. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the import overseas fair “Partners for progress” was recently held in West Germany ;

(b) whether the Indian firms also participated in the fair ; and

(c) whether it has resulted in increase of export to Western Europe and, if so, the details thereo

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHODHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Apart from on the spot sales amounting to Rs. 1,28,000, 40 trade enquires to the extent of Rs. 75,97,110 were received which were passed on to the participants for follow up action. This, however, does not reflect the totality of export prospects generated. The results in terms of specifid

orders booked following our participation can be fully gauged over a period of time.

Engineering Staff for Irrigation Circle, Manipur

4898. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Irrigation Circle has been sanctioned for Manipur and it is to come into existence soon ;

(b) if so, the Engineering Staff requirements for the Circle and their possible strength ; and

(c) in view of the opening of this Circle, whether the Central Government would ask the Government of Manipur to send out on deputation for short duration studies on irrigation work, some of the S.D.S., and A.E.S., in the Manipur P.W.D. as to meet the requirement of technical staff of the Circle ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRA-SAD) : (a) to (c). In order to draw up a comprehensive plan for development of irrigation facilities in Manipur, it has been suggested to the Manipur Administration that a circle be set up for carrying out the necessary investigations and studies. All possible assistance will be given to the Manipur Administration in this work, including deputation of Key personnel needed for the work.

कोटा राजस्थान में आयात-निर्यात कार्यालय

4899. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरबा : क्या वैदेशिक व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोटा (राजस्थान) में केन्द्रीय सरकार का एक आयात-निर्यात कार्यालय काम कर रहा है ;

(ख) क्या अपने लाइसेंसों पर मोहर लगवाने के लिए व्यापारियों को