

SAD) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Finance have indicated that generally the Commercial Banks do not finance any schemes where repayment period is longer than 10 years, and that commercial banks will not find major irrigation projects commercially viable for financing by them.

(c) Efforts are being made constantly at the highest level to secure the approval of His Majesty's Government of Nepal to the alignment of the first 22 miles of the Western Kosi Cannal.

The detailed proposals drawn up by Government of Bihar for a pilot tubewell project Kosi in the Cammand Area of the Western Canal are under examination in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation.

#### Balance of Trade with Hard Currency Areas

4968. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1383 on the 18th November, 1970 and state :

(a) the items being imported from hard currency areas which cannot be produced in country nor can be imported from rupee payment areas ; and

(b) which are the hard currency countries with which we have a deficit balance in trade and what steps are being taken to ensure to the total elimination of this deficit ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHODHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). No distinction is now being made between hard and soft currency areas. This distinction ceased to be valid when sterling and other major currencies become convertible in respect of non-resident earnings. The only distinction that is necessary to make now in the export earnings is to distinguish earning in convertible exchange from earnings in rupees under Trade Plan arrangements with European countries. The details of the various items which are being imported from

the rupee payment areas as well as other currency areas are given in the "Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Volume II Imports" published by the Director General Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta. Data relating to total imports from and exports to various countries from and exports to various countries are available in the Summary Tables of the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India-Volumes I and II', copies of which are available in the Library of the Parliament. A sustained increase of exports by about 7% a year envisaged in the Fourth Five Year Plan is aimed to secure balance on foreign account and approach speedy towards the goal of self-reliance.

#### Registered cases pending investigation of CBI in Delhi

4969. SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of registered cases pending investigation with various branches of the C. B. I. in Delhi for more than six months, nine months and one year, separately ;

(b) whether there are specific instructions that investigation of all registered cases should be finalised within 6 months of the date of registration ;

(c) in how many cases these instructions were ignored by the Investigating Officers during the years 1969 and 1970 ; and

(d) whether there is any check to ensure that the Investigating Officers do not delay ordinary cases unnecessarily due to some motives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 118 registered cases were pending investigation in various branches of the Central Bureau of Investigation in Delhi on 1st December 1970. Break-up of these cases is given below :—