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<i>Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.</i>			
1995-96	Centre Lathe, LC-100L/4M	-	31.09
1996-97	Others	-	66.45
1997-98	5 CUM Rope shovel	2	530.00
	Others	-	21.76

(b) and (c) As regard proprietary items like shovels, drills etc. items which have established satisfactory performance record are being procured from H.E.C. Critical spares for shovels and drills supplied by H.E.C. are purchased from H.E.C. As per the established procedure for procurement of equipment/items, enquiries are advertised and the sources /suppliers are selected depending on the technical acceptability of their offers, competitive prices and performance of similar equipment supplied earlier.

[English]

Revival of Exports

535. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have evolved a new strategy for revival of exports, including WTO related matters;

(b) if so, how far exports have suffered a decline during 1996-97 and 1997-98 and the details of the new strategy; and

(c) the main thrust areas for the export strategy and the WTO related matters covered thereby?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) The Ministry has prepared a Medium Term Strategy to accelerate the growth of exports.

(b) and (c) As per the DGCI & S provisional estimates, the value of exports have increased from US\$ 33106 million in 1996-97 to US\$ 33980 million in 1997-98. The new strategy covers sectoral and directional aspects for achieving a targeted export level of US \$ 90-100 billion by m2002 and to achieve 1% share in world exports. The strategy addresses WTO issues such as market access, non tariff barriers, etc. to improve India's export advantage. The Sectoral strategy discusses sector specific issues and suggests measures to improve trade in these sectors. The directional strategy suggests a special focus upon the emerging markets in Africa, Latin America and CIS countries.

Export of Industrial Production

536. SHRI G. GANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the growth of industrial production and export during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) whether achievements have been made as per target fixed;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (c) The target rate of growth of industrial production for 1996-97 was 6.8% Ministry of Industry have informed that no such target was fixed for 1997-98. The target rate of growth of industrial production for 1996-97 has been achieved as actual industrial growth rate during the year 1996-97 was 7.1%. The overall industrial growth rate during the year 1997-98 was 4.2%. A target growth of 20% in US \$ terms and 18% in US \$ terms was envisaged for exports during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively. The export targets fixed could only be partially achieved during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. As per the provisional data of DGCI&S, the growth rates achieved in dollar terms were 4.01% and 2.64% and in Rupee terms 10.39% and 7.45% during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively.

(d) Export performance is influenced *inter-alia* by international market conditions, infrastructure facilities and policy framework. Export promotion measures are continuously being taken by Government through changes in policies and procedures for providing environment, involvement of States in export promotion and consultation with Trade and Industry. Some of the recent step taken in this regard include modification in DEPB rates, announcing of DEPB rates for about 300 new export items, preparing a medium term strategy for growth of exports, launching of Focus LAS Scheme and strengthening incentive schemes.

Revenues from States

537. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have earned revenue from various districts of Gujarat and other States of the country through various sources like Income Tax, Excise Duty, Customs Duty, Small Savings and such other various sources from 1995 to 1998 till date, year -wise;

(b) the amount of Tax Collected from each source during the above period; and

(c) the amount given back to Gujarat and other States during the above period?