

Deportation of Indian Nationals

2196. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals deported from foreign countries during the period from September, 1995 till date, and

(b) the amount of financial assistance given by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) A total of 2,36,085 Indian nationals were deported to India from various countries from September 1995 to February 1999.

(b) A sum of Rs. 74,90,075 was spent by Government on the deportation of these Indian nationals.

Economic Relations with East African Nations

2197. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI A.C. JOS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is seeking and promoting a new era of economic partnership with the East African Nations;

(b) if so, whether the Government is also considering induction and upgradation of intermediate technology;

(c) whether this will help the companies to secure a larger niche in the Kenyan markets;

(d) if so, the projects on which co-operation with Kenya is being sought;

(e) whether the African countries need large aid and assistance in developing their industry; and

(f) if so, to what extent India has agreed to help and assist the African nations in promoting industry?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. India proposes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on Economic cooperation with East African Community comprising Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. As the East African Community is likely to come into being only by July, 1999, it is proposed to sign the MOU after its establishment.

(b) The MOU with East African Community will include, *inter alia*, cooperation for promotion of Small and Medium Scale Industries, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Communications, Agriculture, Water Resources Management and Human Resource Development, which will entail induction and upgradation of intermediate technology in East Africa. The proposed MOU also envisages, and emphasises, enterprise development through private sector involvement, investment and technology flows from India to countries of East Africa, as also introduction of value added services.

(c) and (d) With a view to sensitizing the Kenyan markets about intermediate technology available with Indian companies, a "Made in India" Exhibition in August, 1996 and Indiatech '98 were organised in Nairobi, in cooperation with Kenyan authorities. These exhibitions had a special focus on engineering products, industrial technology, telecommunications, tourism, non-conventional energy, chemicals and mini-hydro-electric power projects. Also in December 1997, the Exim Bank has extended lines of credit for US\$ 5 million to Industrial Development Bank of Kenya. Another line of credit has been extended in September 1998, to Eastern & Southern African Trade & Development Bank for US\$ 4.5 million. These two steps are expected to enable Indian companies to secure a larger niche in the Kenyan markets. India proposes to cooperate with Kenya in bidding for project funded by African Development Bank, from time to time.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) India has agreed to help and assist various African nations for promoting industry, both bilaterally, through the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation programme and multilaterally, through programmes/projects under the auspices of G-15, and Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD-II). Indian cooperation and assistance for promotion of Industry is also extended through Regional Organizations in Africa, like Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Cooperation (EAC). 56 ITEC-assisted projects have been implemented/are being implemented in various countries of Africa. These include projects in field of Small Scale Industry, establishment of Vocational Training Centres, establishment of Entrepreneur and Technology Development Centres, preparation of feasibility studies for establishment of industry, establishment of Industrial Estates, supply of capital machinery etc. India has also agreed to provide upto 600 training slots annually to 50 countries in Africa, under ITEC programme, for development of Human Resources, including in a wide variety of fields related to promotion of Industry, like Tool Designing, Telecommunications, Technology Research, Electronics, Entrepreneurship Development, Banking, Finance and Management etc.