

S.No.	Country/Region	April–November, 1991	
		Export	Import
ii)	<i>Non-Rupee Payment Countries</i>	265.41	257.55
	a) Yugoslavia	53.06	80.21
	GRAND TOTAL	26012.44	29410.38

(Incl. others)

P: Provisional

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

[English]

Loans from South Korean Exim Bank

801. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are negotiating for \$ one billion loan from South Korean Exim Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

New Weaving Mills in Bihar

802. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new weaving mills set up in Bihar during the year 1991–92 and the capacity of each of such mills; and

(b) the amount of loan sanctioned by the nationalised banks to these units, unit-wise and bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As per the information available, no license has been issued by the Central Government for setting up of Weaving mills in the State of Bihar during the year 1991–92.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

Roads in Southern Coastal Areas

803. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have

received any proposals from the Southern States for laying of roads in the coastal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

SHRI MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have been requesting for financial assistance for coastal roads as under:—

	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
(i) Tada—Kothapatnam—Machilipatnam Visakhapatnam—Ichapuram road (1000 Kms)	Rs. 730 Crores
(ii) Madras—Pondicherry—Cuddalore— Nagapattinam—Tuticorin—Kanyakumari (737 Kms)	Rs. 142 Crores

These roads form part of State Road Network and as such the concerned State Governments are essentially responsible for their development. The Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide assistance for Madras—Cuddalore portion of the road at (ii) above in Tamil Nadu at estimated cost of Rs. 37 crores and the work is being executed by State PWD. The State Government have projected the remaining portion of road from Cuddalore to Kanyakumari costing Rs. 115.20 crores under central loan assistance programme for State Roads of Inter—State or Economic Importance to be taken up during 8th Plan. Since the outlay for 8th Plan is not yet known, it has not been possible to consider the scheme.

In so far as Tade—Ichapuram Road is concerned, it is not possible to pose this work for financial assistance to Asian Development Bank at the present, as proposed by the State, since for their next highway loan the Bank is considering only the National Highways. In view of huge cost of this project and limited resources under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, it is also not possible to provide any financial assistance for this project by the Government of India.

[*Translation*]

Compliance of Decisions of Curtail Government Expenditure

804. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken decisions to curtail the Government expenditure during the last three years;

(b) if so, the percentage of decrease in the Government expenditure noticed as a result of these decisions;

(c) the number of officers found guilty for not complying with these orders; and

(d) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHAN-TARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Government are continuously making efforts to curtail expenditure. All Ministries have been requested to priorities their activities so that those which figure at the bottom of the list can be abridged