

(c) the reasons for poor export performance; and

(d) the anticipated commodity trade deficit in dollar terms during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The foreign trade data is compiled on financial year basis. According to provisional estimates, India's exports to general currency Area (GCA) during April-December, 1991 amounted to US\$ 11310 million as compared to US \$ 10636 million during April-December, 1990, there by registering an increase of 6.3%. In Rupee terms, GCA exports increased by 44.4% India's exports to Rupee Payment Area (RPA) amounted to US\$ 1333 million during April-December, 1991 as compared to US\$ 2494 million during April-December, 1990 thereby registering a decline of 46.5%. In Rupee terms, RPA exports declined by 27.4%. the reasons for the decline in exports to RPA countries are mainly external and include the political changes that have taken place in the erstwhile Soviet Union. Other factors which have affected export growth include a slow-down in the world economy and recession in major developed countries, unavoidable import compression and high rate of export credit.

(d) The trade deficit during April-De-

ember 1991 amounted to US\$ 1628 million, which is less as compared to the trade deficit of US\$ 4832 million during April-December 1990. It is difficult to precisely estimate the trade deficit at the end of fiscal year 1991-92 at this stage. However, on the basis of current performance it is expected to be significantly less than the trade deficit of S\$ 5932 million during the fiscal year 1990-91.

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Loans to SCs/STs Under SEEUY

2907. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans given to educated unemployed youth under SEEUY during each of the last three years; and

(b) the percentage of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes among them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The amounts of loans sanctioned to the beneficiaries under the scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) during each of the last three years and the percentages of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes among them were as under:-

Year	Loan amount sanctioned to the beneficiaries (Rs. in lakhs)	Percentage of SC/ST beneficiaries to the total number
1988-89	40460.61	8.88
1989-90	22481.04	10.78
1990-91	22097.07	11.76