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Imports of Nickel (Scrap) (By Countries)

Country	1994-95		1995-96	
	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.'000)	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.'000)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
ALL COUNTRIES	139	79.17	260	1,26.58
Sweden	0	0	63	28.64
Russia	0	0	61	28.23
Chinese Taipei	21	5.65	32	26.72
United Kingdom	0	0	20	11.30
Germany Federal Rep. of	63	51.08	17	9.72
United States of America	18	6.11	35	9.43
Korea Rep. of	0	0	18	7.51
Korea Dem. Peoples Rep. of	0	0	14	5.03
Other countries	37	16.33	0	0

Translation]

Trade Fairs in Various Countries

*493. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:

SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise Trade Fairs in various countries for promoting the small scale industries;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the participation of Uttar Pradesh would be ensured in these exhibitions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) ITPO proposes to participate in 41 fairs/exhibitions abroad during 1997-98 in which the small scale industries would have opportunity for participation.

(b) A list of trade fairs/exhibitions being organised by ITPO in 1997-98 is given in the statement attached.

(c) to (e) Companies situated in various States are invited for participation including from the State of Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Trade Promotion Authority with their following 4 constituents participated in the Indian Trade Exhibition, Kathmandu (Nepal)— March 14-21, 1997:

(i) LML Ltd.—Two Wheeler scooter.

(ii) Hi-Tech Medical Products Ltd.—Hi-tech disposable syringes,

(iii) Vishwakarma Foundry Works—Powerloom.

(iv) Friends Refrigeration Mfrs.—Ammonia Compressor.

The total business generated by the above four companies during the fair as reported by them was Rs. 57.76 lakh for items like scooters, disposable syringes, rice plant, powerloom C.I. casting, warpin machine 110", ammonia compressor and efin-ceiling colls.

Uttar Pradesh Trade Promotion Authority have also been approached for participation in forthcoming fairs in Damascus, Nairobi etc. being organised by ITPO.

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S. No.	Name of the Fair/Exhibition	Products group/sector for display
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1.	Hannover Fair Hannover (Germany) April 4-19, 1997	Electric automation technology, power transmission and control, castings and forgings, finished machines-cut and non-cut metal parts, plastic and rubber parts, subcontracting components, production and assembly services.
2.	Asia Pacific Leather Fair Hongkong Part I April 21-24, 1997 Part II April 28-30, 1997	Part (I): All aspect of leather industry including machinery, ancillary service industry, raw materials, chemicals and dyes used in leather industry. Part (II): Finished products and fashion accessories.
3.	Abu Dhabi International Fair Abu Dhabi (UAE) April 27-May 4, 1997	Food items, readymade garments, leather & leather items, handicrafts, consumer durables etc.
4.	TIBCO-Bucharest International Fair for Consumer Goods, Bucharest (Romania) May 22-28, 1997	Textiles, ready-made cloths, Knitwear, fur goods, equipment and technologies thereof, footwear, leather goods, equipment and technologies thereof, foodstuff, beverages, household goods, chemicals, cosmetics, electronics, photo goods, birotics and stationery, toys, souvenirs, goods for hobby sports, leisure, interior design and decoration, cars and accessories, services and information.
5.	INTERBUILD AUSTRALIA'97 Sydney (Australia), June 8-11, 1997	Commercial, industrial and domestic building products and technology available for building and construction.
6.	ACHEMA-International Meeting on Chemical Engineering, Environmental Protection and Biotechnology Exhibition, Congress, Frankfurt (Germany) June 9-14, 1997.	Bio-technology, instrumentation, control and automation techniques, materials technology, material testing, engg., mechanical, processes, pumps, compressors, valves and fittings, industrial and labour safety, environmental protection.
7.	Poznan International Fair, Poznan (Poland) June 15-20, 1997.	Raw materials and semi-finished products, consumable materials for machines and vehicles, research and laboratory equipment, electrical engineering, electronics industrial automatics and measurements, machines and devices for earth, construction and road-building works, refrigeration, hearing ventilation, air conditioning and devices for eco-systems, transport, power engineering and electrical power engineering machines and devices machine industry, machines and devices for metallurgy and foundry engineering, machines and devices for coal, ore, oil and gas mining, specialistic machines and devices for other branches of industry, devices for utilization of gasses.
8.	Leipzig Fashion Fair, Leipzig (Germany) August 9-11, 1997.	Ladies' men's and children's wear, sports and jeans wear, knitwear, leather wear and furs, underwear, lingerie, accessories, fabrics and haberdashery, footwear etc.
9.	National Hardware Show, Chicago (USA) August 10-13, 1997.	Hardware and allied lines, lawn and garden and outdoor living, paint and home decorating products, plumbing, heating, cooling, accessories, pet-supplies, automotives.

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10.	WSA-Western Shoe Associates International Buying Market, Las Vegas (USA) August 20-23, 1997.	Shoes, handbags, accessories, store fixtures.
11.	Indian Exhibition, Moscow Aug./Sept., 1997.	Machine tools, transport equipments, machinery & instruments, computer software, air compressors, pumps, oil cooling heat exchangers, radiators, casting & forgings, hand tools, bicycle parts, builders hardware, construction material, hospital equipments, alpha tubes, electronic goods, consumer durables, drugs, pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals, dyes and intermediaries, agro-chemicals, paints, enamels, chemicals and allied products, manufactures of metals, plastic and linoleum products etc.
12.	Damascus International Trade Fair Damascus (Syria) Aug. 28-Sept. 10, 1997.	Agricultural equipments, tractors, chemicals and allied products, surgical items, hospital equipments, food products, tea, synthetic and rayon textiles etc.
13.	INDEXPO Muscat (Oman) Sêpt. 1-7, 1997 (Supported event)	Agricultural & gardening equipments, air conditions, automobile accessories, baby requisites, beauty products, building materials, crockery and cutlery, dairy products, electricals & electronics, fishing equipments, foodstuff, furniture & furnishings, gems & jewellery, general consumer products, gifts & novelty items, handloom & handicrafts, household appliances, kitchen equipments and requisites, leather & leather products, leisure & sports goods, machinery & machine tools, optical goods, pharmaceutical products, plastic & rubber products, project exports & services, sanitaryware.
14.	Pret-A-Porter, Paris, September 5-8, 1997.	Ladies' ready-to-wear garments and fashion accessories.
15.	Thessaloniki International Fair, Thessaloniki (Greece) September 6-15, 1997.	Gem & jewellery, readymade garments, marine products, leather items, plastic & linoleum, consumer goods, handicrafts, handloom products, food items etc.
16.	INTERSIC Fair-International Leather Week, Paris (France), September 7-9, 1997.	Leather and leather goods.
17.	Nairobi International Show, Nairobi (Kenya) September, 1997.	Basic chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals, handtools, agro machinery, rubber products, hardware, agricultural products, motor vehicles, consumer products.
18.	EICMA-BICCI-International Cycle Exhibition Milan (Italy), September 16-21, 1997.	Motorcycles, bicycle and accessories.
19.	EPM-Engineering Production Machinery Hanoi (Vietnam) September 22-26, 1997.	Agricultural equipment, packaging industry, food processing, chemical industries, textile industries, wood working industries, communications infrastructure etc.

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20.	Multi Products Show in French Renunion September/October, 1997.	Motor vehicles, food products, tea, marine products, leather products, textiles, electricals and electronics, sports goods, handicrafts, household items, granite etc.
21.	Tehran Intl. Trade Fair Tehran (Iran) October, 1997.	Auto parts, diesel engines, textile machinery, bicycles and parts, scientific and measuring instruments, wire ropes, nuts and bolts, frozen meat, tea, coffee, cardamom, spices, pesticides, leather manufactures, jute and hessian products.
22.	Anuga Food Fair Cologne (Germany), October 11-16, 1997	Processed food and food products.
23.	SAITEX'97 Johannesburg (South Africa) October 21-25, 1997.	General industrial, manufacturing & engineering, electrical engineering & electronics, mining and materials handling, chemical and petro chemical, plastics, rubber, industrial glass and alternative materials, packaging and printing, agriculture and food, textiles and clothing, building and construction, transport and automotive, information technology and business services.
24.	FISA-International Trade Fair of Santiago (Chile) Oct. 31- Nov. 9, 1997.	Capital goods and consumer goods, transport (trucks and buses), metal and plastic industry, environment, sports etc.
25.	Baghdad International Fair, Baghdad (Iraq), November 1-15, 1997.	Medicines and medical equipments, automobiles spare parts, machinery spare parts, tyres, pharmaceuticals, electronics consumer items, consumer goods toiletries, processed foods, textiles & yarns, rice, handicrafts etc.
26.	Indian Exhibition Yangon (Myanmar) November, 1997.	Capital goods, machinery and technology for textiles jute, pesticides, edible oils, food processing, animal feed, cement, ceramic, rubber, leather, pulp, paper, transport equipments, scooters, motorcycles, bicycles, agricultural machinery, small scale plant and machinery, electric motors, diesel engines, mining machinery and equipments, machine tools, hand tools, building and construction material, hotel and restaurant equipment and supplies, drugs and Pharmaceuticals, chemicals consumer goods, jute, hospital equipment, telecommunications, banking services, consultancy services etc.
27.	Bahrain Autumn Fair, Bahrain Nov. 27-Dec. 5, 1997.	General products and consumer goods.
28.	Indian Exhibition, (<i>Made in India Show</i>), Cairo (Egypt), First half of Dec. 1997	Multi products.
29.	DOMOTEX Hannover (Germany), January 11-14, 1998.	Woven carpets, textile floor coverings, flexible floor coverings, carpet (hand made), parquet floors, fibres, yarns, application technique, display, publications, associations, design.

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30.	Heimtextil Frankfurt (Germany), Jan. 14-17, 1998	Home textiles, decoration textiles, furniture textiles, curtains, awnings, sun protection equipment, wall coverings, home accessories, carpets and floor coverings, household textiles, bath textile equipment, bedding, mattresses, water beds, kitchen textiles, textile design, CAD, CAM, fibres and yarns.
31.	Indian Exhibition Mexico City (Mexico) Feb. 1998.	Computer software, agricultural equipments, earth moving and mining equipment, auto parts, bicycles and parts, medical instruments, pharmaceuticals products, textile and sugar machinery, photographic paper, drugs, dyes & intermediaries, electronic goods, cotton fabrics, mixed and silk fabrics, ladies garments, carpets and rugs, handicraft items, artificial jewellery, spices, processed food, marine products, leather & leather manufactures etc.
32.	Saudi Arabia International Food, beverages and catering Exhibition incorporating food products and processing equipment, packaging machinery and material exhibition, Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) Feb. 15-18, 1998.	Food products, beverages, catering and allied products.
33.	Ghana International Trade Fair Accra (Ghana), Feb. 28-March 10, 1998.	Capital goods, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, agro industrial machinery, building and construction products, electrical and scientific instruments, food and beverages, handicrafts etc.
34.	Expocomer International Commercial Exposition, Panama City (Panama) March 4-9, 1998.	Food & beverages liquors, tobacco, electronic articles, higher technology services, apparels, footwear and fabrics.
35.	International Fashion Fabric Exhibition New York (USA) March 1998.	Apparel fabrics, trimmings and notions, design systems, publications.
36.	Kuwait International Trade Fair, Kuwait March, 1998.	Household-electric equipments & accessories, carpets, furniture, foodstuff, building, material, perfumes & cosmetics, garments, children's toys, handicrafts, watches, garden accessories, leather products, household tools and instruments, light tools.
37.	International Hardware Show, Cologne (Germany) March 8-11, 1998	Tools, fittings, locks and keys, security appliances and systems, protection against burglary, decorative metalware, DIY'TEC: Building chemistry, ceramics and tiles, paints, wall papers, decorators and paper hangers tools, building components, finishing, interior decoration, wooden products, DIY and take away furniture, sanitation equipment, electrical installation, lamps, hardware, DIY tools and fittings, ladders and scaffoldings, shops and warehouse fittings.
38.	Annual Spring Fair Basel (Switzerland) March 13-22, 1998.	Consumer goods, tourism products, handicrafts of high quality, value added products, garments etc.

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39.	IMPORTSHOP Berlin (Germany) March, 1998.	Apparels home textiles, leather goods, accessories, travel goods, pieces of furniture, carpets, basketry, ceramics, glass, chinaware, jewelley.
40.	TCF-International Textile Clothing Footwear and Fashion Accessories, Melbourne (Australia) March 31-April 2, 1998.	Textiles, clothing, footwear, leather goods and fashions accessories.
41.	2nd SAARC Trade Fair Lahore, Pakistan	Multi products

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[English]

Production of Mini Cigarettes by MNCs

*494. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that production of mini cigarettes manufactured by multinational companies have increased manifold resulting in danger to the livelihood of unorganised bidi workers and the profit earned therefrom have been repatriated to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to keep a check on mini cigarette producing multinational companies keeping in view the interest of bidi industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The production of mini cigarettes (i.e. nonfilter cigarettes with length not exceeding 60mm) has gone up during the last three years. However, as the incidence of excise duty on such cigarettes is substantially higher than that of bidis, it is unlikely that the production of mini cigarettes would have an adverse effect on the bidi industry.

Data regarding profits earned by cigarette manufacturers on mini cigarettes and repatriation of profits is not centrally maintained.

(c) to (e) As stated above, appropriate fiscal disincentives already exist in as much as there is a substantial differential between the rates of excise duty on mini cigarettes and bidis. In the Union Budget for 1997-98, the excise duty on mini cigarettes has been raised from Rs. 75 per thousand to Rs. 90 per thousand.

Illegal mining of coal

*495. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining of coal from the coal mines of Bihar and other States has been going on resulting in loss of crores of rupees;

(b) whether there is any connivance of police and the higher officials of coalfields in illegal mining and the coal mafia is flourishing particularly in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to check illegal mining of coal and to wipe out the coal mafia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Sporadic incidents of illegal coal mining have been taking place in some mines of the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Bihar. Since illegal mining of sporadic in nature it is very difficult to measure its value and quantity.

(b) No, Sir. No incident of any connivance between the police and the higher officials of coalfields in illegal mining has been reported to the Government.

(c) Illegal mining violates the provisions of Section 3(1) (a) of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 and section 4(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. Moreover, illegal mining is punishable under Section 30(1) of the Nationalisation Act and Section 21(1) of the MMRD Act.

The following steps are taken by the nationalised coal companies to stop illegal mining.

(i) covering the exposed coal faces in unused opencast mines with debris;

(ii) round the clock patrolling by the security force of the company and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

(iii) surprise check or raids by company security force and CISF;

(iv) blacklisting the trucks seized during the surprise checks or raids;