

para 8 of his report on Union Government (civil) for the year ended 31 March, 1988 (No. 13 of 1990) regarding irregular payment of cash assistance on exports of frozen meat below minimum export price; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government to recover the over payment made to the parties concerned?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India has referred to the irregular payment of Cash Assistance totalling Rs. 28.49 lakhs on the export of Frozen Meat below the minimum export price. These payments related to 49 cases for the period 1977-78 to 1984-85 involving six firms. The matter is under investigation and steps are being taken to recover the amount from the firms concerned wherever the payments are found to be irregular.

#### Establishment of Vijaynagar Steel Plant

1595. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the establishment of steel plant at Vijaynagar in Karnataka has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the progress made so far in the establishment of the plant;

(d) whether it could be set up during the Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (e) Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka could not be implemented as adequate resources

were not available in the VII Plan. Implementation of the project during the VIII Plan will also depend upon allocation of resources.

#### Trade with South Korea

1596. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to increase trade with South Korea;

(b) if so, the major items being exported to South Korea and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years;

(c) the foreign exchange outgo due to imports from South Korea during the same period;

(d) whether any new proposal for trade agreement has come from South Korea; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have taken various steps to boost trade with South Korea.

(b) and (c) Iron ore, engineering goods, textiles, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, oil meals, leather and manufactures are the major items of Indian exports to South Korea. As per DGCI&S's statistics, Indian exports to South Korea and imports therefrom during the last three years were as under:

(Value in Rs. crores)

Year	Imports	Exports
1	2	3
1987-88*	329.30	140.82
1988-89*	432.12	182.56
1989-90*	557.24	268.11

(\*Provisional)

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.