

गये हैं, क्या हवाई जहाज की फौसिलटीज बढ़ाने के लिए मं.ालय इस बात को सोच रहा है कि इस एयर पोर्ट को वह ले ले क्योंकि उस को छोड़ देने से काफी संगीन नुकसान हो रहा है ?

श्री जमाल الرحمان : میں

محترم وزیر صاحب سے یہ بات

جاننا چاہوں گا کہ بہار کے اتاری حصہ ضلع پرینیا میں ڈیفینس کا ایک ایئرپورٹ ہے جسکو سب سے بڑا ایئرپورٹ کہا جاتا ہے - چونکہ ایئرپورٹ اسکا نام ہے ڈیفینس نے اسکو ایبلڈن کر دیا ہے چھوڑ دیا ہے - ملٹری مہودے کو اس سہیلدہ میں کچھ پٹرول کے کٹے ہیں - کیا ہوائی جہاز کی فہسی لگوز بڑھانے کے لئے ملٹریلیم اس بات کو سوچ رہا ہے کہ اس ایئرپورٹ کو وہ لے لیں کیونکہ اسکو چھوڑ دینے سے کافی سنگین نقصان ہو رہا ہے -

श्री अनन्ता प्रसाद शर्मा : इस तरह की कोई योजना अभी नहीं है ।

इंजीनियरिंग वस्तुओं का निर्यात बढ़ाना

*387. श्री राम प्यार पनिका: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार इंजीनियरिंग वस्तुओं का निर्यात बढ़ाने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितना तथा कब तक; और

(ग) सरकार का किन इंजीनियरिंग वस्तुओं का निर्यात बढ़ाने का विचार है तथा उसके मानदंड क्या हैं ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL & MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target for export of engineering goods for 1980-81 is Rs. 900 crores which will mean an increase of about 38 per cent over the estimated performance in 1979-80.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase exports of all exportable engineering goods such as capital goods, consumer durables and items based on primary steel and pig iron.

श्री राम प्यार पनिका : मंत्री जी के उत्तर से संबंधित । क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि जनता राज में जो हमारा फारने एक्सचेंज (विदेशी मुद्रा) थी वह काफी हद तक समाप्त हो गई थी ? इसको देखते हुए मंत्रीजी ने एक्सपोर्ट में 30 परसेन्ट बढ़ाव की बात कही है और अभी जैसी कि मंत्रालय ने एक सूचना जारी की थी कि 1990 तक के लिए दस गुनी एक्सपोर्ट बढ़ाने की योजना है और इस सम्बन्ध में हमारे राज्य मंत्री पश्चिमी देशों में गए थे तथा यूरोपीय देशों और भारत का एक सम्मेलन हुआ था तो उसमें आपने कैन-कैन से निर्णय लिए और किन सामानों को आप बाहर भेजना चाहते हैं जिससे कि 1990 तक दस गुना एक्सपोर्ट करने का लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो सके ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: It is true that the PEC has suggested that exports of engineering goods may be in the order of Rs. 10,000 crores at the period ending 1990-91. But so far as we are concerned, we have not accepted that target because we shall have to look into the performance, that is, of current year's export and all that. As I have indicated, it is Rs. 900 crores. So far as the present indication is concerned, it is going on all right and, I hope, to reach that target. As the hon. Member will appreciate, we are having a steady growth in engineering goods exports. But, unfortunately, it went down for certain reasons particularly in the year 1979-80. So, we shall have to see to what extent we can reach that target. The target must be realistic. I do agree that there is a need for expanding exports to meet the gap on the trade account and to earn foreign exchange to import essentials.

श्री राम चारु शर्मा : क्या मंत्रीजी बताने का कष्ट करेंगे कि अगले वर्षों में एक्सपोर्ट के लिए कौन-कौन से इंजीनियरिंग गुड्स तैयार होने जा रहे हैं और उनके उत्पादन के लिए सरकार कौन कौन सी योजनाएं चलाना चाहती है ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: There are a large number of items, consumer durables, capital goods, iron materials based on cast iron and pig iron. If the hon. Member is interested in the detailed list of items, I will give him.

In regard to the scheme, practically we ensure that they get the necessary raw materials to produce engineering goods. Arrangements are being tied up with shipments and getting orders from various countries.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Project Exports are a very important ingredient of engineering exports. Is the Government considering any special steps to promote project exports and, if so, what are those steps?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: The Project Equipment Corporation itself is a subsidiary of the STC which is looking after the project exports. We are having a good response and, particularly, in some of the Middle East countries, we are having good market for our project equipment of this nature. For instance, in one country alone, we are having projects worth Rs. 700 crores.

Tax Burdens on Polyester Clothing

*394. **SHRI N. E. HORO:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that durable and essential item like polyester clothing had been pushed beyond the common man's reach due to excessive tax burdens on both the polyester staple fiber and its yarn including blends;

(b) whether any memorandum has been submitted to him regarding the already existing 'crippling' duty burden which had further increased due to

den and the escalating input costs the recent hike in the prices of petroleum products and the increase in railway and road freight; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): (a) to (c). Representations have been received in the matter of excise duties on polyester staple fibre and its yarn including blends. But, Government consider that the present level of duties on such fibre and yarn does not appear to be excessive, particularly since the fabric stage duty on such fabrics is consciously kept at a low level to balance higher levies at fibre and yarn stages. Even the cumulative excise duty burden is reasonable in relation to the retail price of such fabrics.

SHRI N. E. HORO: The very fact that representations have been submitted to the Government is clear enough to show that the taxes are high and the general public, who use this polyester, find it difficult to buy because it has gone beyond their means. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would reconsider the whole question and have a second look into it.

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA: I am sorry I cannot reply to this question because it is a budget matter.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: The Minister has said that there is no intention of reducing the taxes at present. I want to know from him whether, on account of the high taxes, the consumption has gone down.

SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA: No, it is not a fact.

Decline in export of Foot-wear

*395. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decline in the export of foot-wear