

अध्यक्ष महोदय: स्पीकर की डिस्टिन्क्शन फिर क्या हुई अगर आप खड़े हुए और लड़े होने से ही आप का हक हो गया।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय: अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप मेरी प्रार्थना सुन लीजिए। मेरा नाम उस में था। आप देख लीजिए मुझे मौका दीजिए बताने का।

MR. SPEAKER : No, I am not allowing.

Indian Industrial Exhibition at Lagos

*342. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Industrial Exhibition was held recently at Lagos, Nigeria;

(b) what were its special features; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to hold such exhibitions elsewhere this year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Exhibition was held at Lagos during March 2—22, 1972.

(b) The Exhibition projected India's export potential and the vast strides made in the industrial field since independence.

(c) Yes, Sir. Exclusive Indian Exhibitions are proposed to be organised during 1972-73 at Tanzania, Uganda, Singapore, Malaysia, Kuwait and Fiji.

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Normally Indian industrial exhibitions are organised in foreign countries to seek markets for Indian commodities and also to earn foreign exchange.

I would like to know from the Minister to what extent this exhibition in Lagos was able to fulfil this cherished desire ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: As a result of this exhibition and the presence of the

representatives of various Indian firms engaged in the industrial sector, substantial business was booked on the spot for products like buses, truck, fire-trucks, jeeps, diamond rigs, diesel engines, duplicators, public address system, transistors, auto parts, electrical goods, sanitaryware, drugs, pharmaceuticals, jewellery, etc. The precise amount these orders will come to can be worked out only after some time. Right now, our own surmise is that it may come to Rs. 4 crores.

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: It is very encouraging that the Ministry is going to organise so many exhibitions in foreign countries in 1972-73, which are the countries which are going to organise similar exhibitions here in our country in 1972-73.

SHRI A.C. GEORGE: This year we will be holding the Third Asian Fair, and more than 41 countries have expressed their desire and willingness to participate in that Fair.

SHRI S. N. MISTRA: May I know what facilities are going to be offered to the traders and producers who want to go to foreign countries to participate in these exhibitions ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: All facilities of travel, foreign exchange and other encouragements are given to *bona fide* exporters and traders.

Effect on India of the proposed Common European Currency

*343. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the effect on India of the steps being taken by the European common Market countries to establish a Common European Currency ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): A proposal to establish a full monetary and Customs Union of the European Common Market countries by the end of the present decade was discussed by their Foreign and Finance Ministers in November 1970. But, so far an agreement appears