

about rapid expansion as well as a progressive diversification in India's exports of wide variety of goods. Indian firms/Public Sector Organisations and Export Promotion Councils are encouraged to participate in fairs/exhibitions held in these countries from time to time. Sales-cum-study teams and market surveys have been arranged to study export prospects in these countries. Purchase delegations from those countries are given facilities to visit the various manufacturing centres in our country connected with exports to those countries.

**SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :** In view of the growth rate of our exports being rather sluggish, as Mr Salve suggested just now, — it was about 4 per cent in 1971-72 as against the world average of 8 per cent in recent years— may I know if any calculation has been made about our reaching a 10 per cent growth rate target, which is not too ambitious, especially when the Minister says in his reply to part (a) of the question that the scope for expansion of Indian exports to the socialist countries is very wide ?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE :** India's export to East European countries has increased during the past decade by 363 per cent. Our exports at the global level have increased by 46.5 per cent. In absolute terms, the contribution of the East European countries was 7.5 per cent in 1970-61. In 1968-69 it was 19.61 per cent and now it is 23.7 per cent.

**SHRI H. N. MUKHERJEE :** What progress has been made towards the 10 per cent increase ?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE :** We have not reached the 10 per cent target. We have only reached 8 per cent.

**SHRI H. N. MUKHERJEE :** May I know if any progress, and if so, what, has been made with the idea mooted as early as 1964 at the UNCTAD that the socialist countries were ready to cooperate by way of long-term agreements and contracts and coordination development plans, exchange of technical know-how and all that sort of thing ?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE :** It is a welcome idea and we are still pursuing it. It is in various stages of implementation.

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** May I know whether it is true that the Ministry of Foreign Trade has taken some steps in the recent past towards drastically reducing our trade with the East European countries ?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE :** It is not the policy of the Government of India to reduce our trade with the socialist countries.

**SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN :** May I know whether the minister is aware of the fact that some officials of his Ministry in collusion with some officials of the Ministry of Finance are trying to sabotage our exports to East European countries and whether in the name of switch deal a number of raids have been conducted and they are deliberately trying to reduce the volume of our trade with East European countries ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** It is your own suggestion.

**SHRI N. K. P. SALVE :** To what extent is the switch trade cutting at the root of exports ? That is the question.

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE :** I deny that there is any collusion on the part of officials to sabotage the policy of the Government. Regarding the term "switch deal" used by the hon. Member—I do not contribute to that term—I do not think the so-called switch deal is cutting at the root of our exports.

#### Distribution of Power to different States from Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant

\*450. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement has been reached between the Central Government and Tamil Nadu Government regarding the distribution of power amongst the different States from the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant, when it is completed;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) what will be the share of Kerala under this agreement and its cost per unit ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) :** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

*Statement*

(a) and (b). No formal agreement has been entered into in regard to sharing of power from Kalpakkam Atomic Power Station between the Central Government and Tamil Nadu.

(c) The quantum of supply of power from the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant to Kerala as well as the other States in the region will be worked out according to the needs of these States by the time the power station is ready. The cost per unit will also have to be worked out on the basis of the actuals.

**SHRI VAYALAK RAVI :** When do you expect to commission this plant? May I know whether the Government has had any preliminary discussion with the Government of Tamil Nadu and other State Governments which may be benefited by this plant? If so, may I know what are the proposals made by the Government of India and what is the reaction of those State Governments.

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION & POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) :** The project is expected to be commissioned in the first or the second year of the next Five Year Plan, *i. e.* by 1975-76. There was some discussion with Tamil Nadu Government. No discussion was held with other State Government. The problem of sharing this Kalpakkam power is yet to be settled.

**SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :** Considering the high cost of power generated by this plant, do the Government of India propose to consider given more financial aid to Kerala to produce cheaper power?

**DR. K. L. RAO :** If Kerala wants some more power it can be shared, but I do not know how giving financial aid arises out of this.

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :** Is it not a fact that there was a preliminary discussion between the Tamil Nadu Government

and Kerala Government, where the minister was also present, with regard to sharing of power from Kalpakkam? During the discussion, is it not a fact that Tamil Nadu Government offered to supply power to Kerala from the hydel projects provided the Kerala Government supplies water, which is unnecessarily flowing into the Arabian Sea, for the purpose of irrigation in Tamil Nadu?

**DR. K. L. RAO :** Regarding the first question, there was no discussion about the Kalpakkam power. Earlier it was thought that Kalpakkam power will be ready in the last plan, but it has been greatly delayed. Therefore, that question has to be considered afresh. With regard to the other question, the exchange of water for power, I do not think it can be so easily disposed of in the question hour like this.

**SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO :** It is stated that the power generated in the first phase of the Kalpakkam nuclear power station is required entirely for Tamil Nadu. Since this project is being financed entirely by the Central Government, will they see to it that a part of the power goes to Andhra Pradesh, which is actually suffering from shortage of power?

**DR. K. L. RAO :** At the time when this project was sanctioned it was expected to be commissioned much earlier. At that time there was some discussion between the Atomic Energy Department and the Tamil Nadu Government that most of the power generated would be given to Tamil Nadu. But in view of the changed conditions, and the fact that this project has been greatly delayed, we have got to discuss and find out to what extent power has got to be shared between the four States of the region, namely, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Mysore. This has to be done. Of course, Andhra will have some share, as also Kerala and Mysore. To what extent the share would be is yet to be finalised.

**SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN :** Sir, I crave your indulgence. The hon. Minister has not answered my question, which is a very important one, which concerns the States of Tamilnadu and kerala. I have asked whether it is a fact that any discussion took place in the presence of the Minis-

ter between the Kerala and Tamilnadu governments about exchange of power for water. I want an answer to this question.

SHRI M RAMGOPAL REDDY : The next question about the export of mangoes and bananas is very important

MR SPEAKER All right, I am going to that question

SHRI G. C. DIXIT He is not seen here

SHRI R S PANDFY Sir, he is in the library. He has authorised me to ask the question

MR SPEAKER you have quietly accepted the authorisation? I do not authorise you ask the question

#### Report of Committee regarding Export Promotion Council

\*152 SHRI N. F. HORO Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government to go into the functioning of the Export Promotion Council has submitted its report, and

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee and whether Government have accepted these recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement giving the desired information is laid on the Table of the House.

#### *Statement*

The Committee's recommendations, which are under examination, are broadly intended to provide for

- (i) periodical reviews of the working of the Export Promotion Councils;
- (ii) strengthening the elective as well as the service elements in the admini-

stration of the Councils to increase their efficiency as agencies for export promotion,

- (iii) development of specialisation for dealing with problems of export relating to the main categories of products assigned to each of the larger Councils;
- (iv) effective participation of exporters from the small scale sector in the work of the Export Promotion Councils and greater responsiveness of the Council to the problems of exporters from this sector;
- (v) augmentation of the financial resources of the export Promotion Councils, more especially for their activities, such as market studies, foreign publicity through various media, etc.;
- (vi) greater liberty to the Councils in their working to minimise delays and ensure speedier action, and
- (vii) more purposeful inter action between the Councils, the Government institutions like the trade Development Authority and the trade for the achievement of the common objective of significantly expanding the country's exports.

SHRI N. F. HORO : May I know whether the Ministry will consider and examine the recommendations of this committee and bring forward definite proposals during this session of the House?

SHRI A C GEORGE : These suggestions are being considered. I cannot give any definite commitment whether it can be done during this session.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Issue of Railway Passes to Co-operative Societies having Parcels and Goods Handling Contracts

\*443 SHRI AZIZI MAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.