

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : Opium is exported through government alone.

MR. SPEAKER : Not through opium-
cutters ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : This poppy husk is not exported through private sources.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूँगा कि क्या यह सही है कि केकोस्लोवाकिया से 200 टन का आर्डर पापी हुस्क के निर्यात के बारे में मद्रास प्रदेश के एक व्यापारी को प्राप्त हुआ है जिसके लिए अनुमति निर्यात करने की आपने व्यापारी को दी है ? यदि हाँ, तो क्या उस देश में और भी इसके निर्यात के बढ़ाने की संभावना है जहाँ इसको और भी बढ़ाया जा सकता है ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : I am not sure whether it is 200 tonnes or not. But we are exploring all avenues because we have got a sizeable quantity of poppy husk. If this proposal is coming in a substantial form, we will be glad to accept it.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से बताना चाहता हूँ मैंने मंत्री जी को पत्र भी लिखा था और इनके पत्र की प्रतिलिपि भी दी है, जिसके द्वारा इनके मंत्रालय में 200 टन निर्यात की अनुमति दी है। उसके बाद भी यह कह रहे हैं कि इनको पता नहीं है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इन्होंने जवाब दिया है कि ये पता कर लेंगे।

Russian Steel for Manufacturing Nut-Bolts

*1055. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN :
SHRI D. K. PANDA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U. S. S. R. has offered to export steel to India for making screws and bolts and then export them back to the Soviet Union;

(b) the salient features of the offer; and

(c) the advantages of this agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
(SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The U. S. S. R. has made a preliminary suggestion for import of screws from India against export of steel. The proposal is under examination and no details have yet been formulated. The proposal would help to promote the export of a new items of non-traditional character and create more employment opportunities in this line of industry.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : In view of the fact that the offer made by the Soviet Union has many positive factors in helping our small-scale industry, in providing more employment to people and in giving us the raw material required for the production of material and a ready market also, may I know whether the Government will give top priority and take a decision on this matter as soon as possible ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : We have already taken a decision. We have to import steel from the Soviet Union to make screws and bolts and export them back. We have already taken that decision.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

उत्तर रेलवे द्वारा होया गया माल

*1043. श्री जगन्नाथराव जोशी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर रेलवे ने गत एक वर्ष में कितना माल डोया है; और

(ख) इससे इस अवधि में सरकार को कितना राजस्व प्राप्त हुआ ?

रेल बन्नी (बी के० हनुमन्तीबा) : (क) और (ख). 1971-72 में उत्तर रेलवे द्वारा सम्हाले गये माल यातायात और अर्जित राजस्व के आंकड़े नीचे दिये गये हैं:—

1971-72

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| (1) ढोया गया मीटरिक टन
(दस लाख में) | |
| (i) राजस्व उपार्जक यातायात | 39.14 |
| (ii) राजस्व अनुपार्जक यातायात | 5.94 |
| (iii) जोड़ | 45.08 |
| (2) राजस्व उपार्जक माल यातायात से
अर्जित राजस्व (करोड़ रुपयों में) | 88.63 |

**Suggestion By India to Evolve
New World Economic system
at U.N.C.T.A.D
at Santiago**

*1045. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether at the U.N.C.T.A.D held at Santiago, India called upon other countries to evolve a new world economic system;

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

(c) how this system will be helpful to the developing nations ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. In the policy statement made in Santiago by the Minister of Foreign Trade as Leader of the Indian Delegation, it was stated "the world economic system which we are trying to re-fashion principally through the forum of UNCTAD has become extremely complex and is under-going radical transformations". As this was the first world wide Conference on Trade and Development after the adoption of the Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, a unique opportunity to give concrete substance and action oriented content to many of the important provisions of the Strategy

presented itself. The Conference dealt with a large number of items dealing with trade and development on a universal basis.

A copy of the agenda for UNCTAD III is placed at Annexurei. At UNCTAD III, India called for urgent action to be taken by the international community to liberalise the trade in commodities and manufactured items of export interest to developing countries. India also urged for a reform of the international monetary system so that it became more responsive to the needs of developing countries. In concert with other developing countries, India also made a number of important recommendations in the field of, inter alia, flow of financial resources to developing countries, shipping, action for the least developed among developing countries including land-locked countries, trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems, and trade expansion and economic cooperation among developing countries.

As a result of the action taken by India and other developing countries in the Group of '77', certain important decisions on these matters were taken at the Conference. For example, a special session of the Committee on Commodities will launch inter-governmental consultations on specific commodities so that international agreements and arrangements are forged in respect of them as soon as possible. In regard to manufactures, inter-governmental consultations for removal of non-tariff barriers, have been provided for. The developed countries have been urged to implement and improve upon their offers under G. S. P. On financing, UNCTAD's role as well as the part to be played by developing countries in the reshaping of the international monetary system have been emphasised. Certain improvements in the flow of aid, terms of aid, as well as untying of aid have been agreed upon. For the first time, a code of conduct for Conference Lines has been drafted by the Group of '77' and presented to the developed countries. This code of conduct will be considered in a special conference which will be called by the U. N. General Assembly A comprehensive resolution on the special measures to be taken on the least developed countries as well as the land-locked ones among them has been adopted. The UNCTAD agreed unanimously to develop the trade between