

### Communal Disharmony due to Writings in Urdu Papers

\*525. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that since the genocide started by the military junta of Pakistan on the people of East Pakistan, most of the Urdu Press in the country has been taking a critical view of the actions of our Government ;

(b) whether Government are aware that some of the Urdu papers are indirectly creating communal disharmony in the country ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avoid such things ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) No, Sir. This is not true of most or even a majority of the Urdu Press.

(b) and (c). Government are keeping a close watch and will take appropriate action if and when necessary.

### Import Policy

\*526. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 51 additional items will be imported by the Public Sector agencies during 1971-72 ; and

(b) if so, which are those agencies in addition to the State Trading Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation. Hindustan Steel Ltd., Indian Oil Corporation and Metal Scrap Trading Corporation.

### Exports of Coir Goods from Kerala

\*527. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether demand for exporting coir goods of Kerala is increasing day by day in

Socialist countries like Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia etc. ;

(b) whether Government propose to take specific steps to increase the exports of coir goods to these countries ; and

(c) if so, what are those steps ?

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

(b) and (c). Exports of coir goods from India to East Europe have been showing a satisfactory increase in recent years. Quantum and value of such exports are indicated below :

Year	Quantity (quintals)	Value (Rupees)
1968	1,30,034	2,92,33,962
1969	1,49,995	3,51,40,915
1970	2,03,767	5,29,64,861

The Government have been taking measures of a general nature aimed at promoting exports of coir goods, viz., product improvement, quality control, preshipment inspection etc. Steps are under way to re-organise the infra-structure of the Coir industry and to modernise production methods so as to generate greater demand for Indian coir goods. These steps are intended for promoting exports to all international markets and not specifically to socialist countries in Europe.

The Coir Board has been carrying out publicity work in East Europe by participating in Trade Fairs and Exhibitions.

### Economic Development of Backward Regions

\*530. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to take special measures for the development of Eastern regions of U.P., Bastar region and the District of Sreekakulam, considering the backwardness of these regions economically and socially ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?