

श्रीमती चन्दावती : क्या वित्त मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस तरह के सिमिलर घाटिक अपराध को लोग करते हैं और किये जाते हैं उनके खिलाफ सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है या उठाये हैं ?

श्री चरण सिंह : सरकार जब उसके पास सूचना होती है तो उस पर कार्यवाही करती है। ऐसे मामलों में सरकार अपनी तरफ से कोई आदेश जारी नहीं करती है। इन्कम टैक्स प्रोविडेंट को पूरा अधिकार है, अगर उनकी संतुष्टि हो जाय तो वह खुद ही सब कर सकते हैं।

### Setback in India's exports to Iran

\*63. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the turmoil in Iran has caused huge losses and setback to the export of Indian goods to that country;

(b) is it correct that engineering goods worth Rs. 5 crores exported from Ludhiana (Punjab) to Iran are lying at Bombay after being returned from Iran; and

(c) if so, what steps he is taking to save the Industrial activities of Punjab due to this development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) The turmoil in Iran has affected the export of Indian goods to that country.

(b) No such information has been brought to our notice. However, some ships have off-loaded cargo meant for Khorramshahr (Iran) at Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Okha.

(c) Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and taking necessary steps. Alongwith the stabilisation of the political situation in Iran, it is expected that India's trade relations will not only return to normalcy, but will improve.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: To my surprise, the Minister has said that he has received no information. The news item, which is

the source of my question, was published in all the leading papers of Punjab including two English dailies. Will the Minister explain as to why his Ministry did not contradict the news item? The Minister says that some off-loading was done at Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Okha. Can it not be imagined that these goods might be lying there?

श्री आरिफ बेग : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जैसा कि मेरे भाई ने कहा कि न्यूजपेपर्स में वह खबर आयी थी, सरकार के पास जो सूचना है इस वक्त उसके मुताबिक हमें यह सूचना है कि कुछ जहाज जो हमारे यहाँ से गये थे उसमें से उन्होंने सामान अबू धाबी, दुबई और ओखा के पोर्ट्स पर उतारा है। और यह सूचना है कि 6,500 टन का जो कार्गो वहाँ पर उतारा गया है उसकी कीमत लगभग साढ़े चार करोड़ है, और सरकार इस बात को देख रही है कि जो सामान वहाँ पर उतारा गया है उसकी सुरक्षा हो और सामान वहाँ पर प्रीक्वान न किया जाय। इस बात की हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं।

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister explain to the House as to what steps his Ministry has taken to compensate the loss in exports and mutual trading, after the assumption of power by Mr. Khomeini?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): As the House is well aware, the political conditions in Iran are getting stabilised. We have already initiated our dialogue with the new Government and I am sure that perhaps because of the emphasis given by Mr. Khomeini and his Government in not making huge investments on military preparations, they will have more investments for the people and it will certainly help us in boosting up our trade. I am sure that in this context, such losses will be compensated in the long run.

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: The hon. Minister is aware that there is a big trade gap of nearly 1400 crores. We also know that Iran is one of the potential countries to which we can export our goods to reduce the trade gap. You are well aware that the Kudremukh Project is on the anvil and by 1980 we are supposed to export iron ore slurry to Iran. I am sure you

are well aware that Iran will not be in a position to utilise this iron ore. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister what alternative steps he is going to take so that this huge project comes into the picture properly to earn the foreign exchange required for our country.

**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA:** I would appeal to the House not to take a pessimistic view. I feel that whatever projects have been taken together with the Government of Iran do not face any danger whatsoever. On the contrary, I have no doubt that, with the new relationship that is being established, mutual trade between the two countries will go up and there are no possibilities whatsoever that we shall have to think of alternatives.

**SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH:** After the emergence of new Iran, our relationship having become excellent with the new government of Iran, will the Government think over the matter of sending a team to look into how best we can improve our trade with Iran?

**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA:** It is a suggestion for action, and a good suggestion.

**Export cash subsidy to Jute Industry**

\*64. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) total export cash subsidy paid to the Jute Industry, year-wise, from 1968-69 to 1978-79;

(b) what other financial assistances was given to this industry, year-wise, from 1968-69 to 1978-79; and

(c) details of the industry's export performances in terms of quantity and value, year-wise, from 1968-69 to 1978-79?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAG):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) Cash Compensatory Support on the export of a number of Jute Products was introduced by Government from 1st October, 1975. Amount of Cash Assistance paid to Jute Industry since inception of cash compensatory scheme is indicated below:

Year (April-March)	Amount (Rs./lakhs)
1975-76	199.57
1976-77	702.40
1977-78	1703.64
1978-79 (Up to 31-1-79)	1602.70

(b) Among other assistance given to the industry are:

(i) Long term loans by Industrial Finance Corporation of India for modernisation at concessional interest rate.

(ii) Soft loan by financial institutions for modernisation of industry.

(iii) Grants given from the MDF for export promotional activities etc.

(c) Details of exports of Jute goods in terms of both quantity and value