

(b) the terms of contract between Rayex and STC, the amount paid against the contract by Rayex so far and the steps STC have taken against the Rayex for the specific performance of the contract; and

(c) if no such steps have been taken the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2021/67.]

DIVERSIFICATION OF HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

*698. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Soviet authorities had suggested, during his last visit to U.S.S.R., diversification of the Heavy Machine Building Plant, Ranchi, and Coal Mining Machine Building Plant, Durgapur, to insulate the plants somewhat from the vagaries of the market mechanism; and

(b) if so, the details of such diversification plans suggested by the Soviet authorities?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b) The various problems of the two plants were discussed with Soviet authorities and it has been decided to invite a team of Soviet experts to India to study the problems in depth and formulate specific recommendations to improve productivity and to ensure better utilisation of capacity.

चाय पर निर्यात शुल्क

- *700. श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री :
 श्री प्राकाशबीर शास्त्री :
 श्री रामाबतार शर्मा :
 श्री रामगोपाल शास्त्राले :
 डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चाय पर निर्यात शुल्क में कमी कर दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इससे भारत के राजस्व में अनुमानतः कितनी कमी हुई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :
 (क) जी. नहीं ।

(ख) तथा (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

TRADE WITH WEST GERMANY

*701. SHRI MAYAVAN :
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West German Chancellor's visit to India recently has increased the prospect of trade between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether it has also been decided that a trade delegation from India will visit West Germany; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to visit?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). The pattern of Indo-German trade was reviewed by the Prime Minister of India and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany during the latter's visit to India. In keeping with the desire in both countries to increase mutually beneficial commerce, they agreed that the problems should be discussed between experts of the two countries. Discussions have been taking place between the officials of the Ministry of Commerce and the members of the Embassy of FRG.