

as well as increasing domestic sales ; and

- (iv) forming of consortia for taking up contracts on a turn-key basis in the field of power projects, steel, structural and heavy engineering industries.

**SCHEMES RE: SCOOTER MANUFACTURE**

- \*254. SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA :  
SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH :  
SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR :  
SHRI G. C. DIXIT :  
SHRI LAKHAN LAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the sub-Committee examining the seventeen schemes for the manufacture of scooters has submitted its report; and  
(b) if so, when the decision of Government is likely to be taken ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Government can take a final decision after the report of the sub-Committee has been received and it has been considered by the Licensing Committee and the latter has made its recommendations. It is likely that the decision may be taken by the middle of March, 1968.

**DURGAPUR ALLOY STEEL PLANT**

- \*255. SHRI K. RAMANI :  
SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :  
SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether further delay in the commissioning of the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant is expected, and if so, the reasons therefor;  
(b) whether there will be an increase in the import bill of Alloy Steel as a result thereof; and  
(c) the additional foreign exchange required for import ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) Previously the Schedule for commissioning of

various shops of Durgapur Alloy Steel Project has been changed from time to time due to delays. But there is likely to be no further delay in the assessed time of completion at this stage.

- (b) No, Sir.  
(c) Does not arise.

**FALL IN EXPORTS**

- \*256. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO  
JOSHI :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :  
SHRI SHARDA NAND :  
SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :  
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :  
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :  
SHRI M. L. SONDHI :  
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH :  
SHRI O. P. TYAGI :  
SHRI ESWARA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that after devaluation, India's export trade has fallen ;  
(b) if so, by how many crores of rupees; and  
(c) the steps taken by Government to stop this fall and ensure an increase in India's exports ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :** (a) and (b). In the cumulative period of fifteen months after devaluation June, 1966—August, 1967, India's exports amounted to Rs. 1427.90 crores as against Rs. 1591.00 crores for a fifteen month period upto May, 1966. The two periods are not strictly comparable as there were great shortages of agricultural commodities last year.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

- (i) Facilitating production for exports through providing imported raw materials under the replenishment scheme, allotment of indigenous raw materials, supply of iron and steel at international prices to fabricators of engineering goods for export and special allotment for import of capital goods for export-oriented units;