

बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से विदेशों में अपनी शाखाएँ बनाने की योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है तथा इस योजना के परिणामस्वरूप कितना निर्यात बढ़ाये जाने की सम्भावना है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस निगम ने विशेष किस्म की वस्तुओं का व्यापार करने के लिये लम्बी अवधि के लिये विदेशों से करार किये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :

(क) राज्य व्यापार निगम के पहले से ही कुछ कार्यालय विदेशों में हैं। तत्काल नये कार्यालय स्थापित करने की कोई योजना नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ). राज्य व्यापार निगम ने कुछ मर्दों में व्यापार करने के लिये, जिनमें वह पहले से ही व्यापार कर रहा है, दीर्घावधि संविदाएँ की हैं। परन्तु संविदाओं का व्यौरा बताना निगम के व्यापारिक हितों में उचित नहीं होगा।

Crisis faced by Industries in Haryana

*169. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the crisis faced by all industries in general and the engineering industry in particular in Haryana due to current recession in the market;

(b) whether the engineering industries are now working below capacity and there has been considerable retrenchment of workers and lay-offs;

(c) whether the Haryana Government have brought this fact to their notice; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Supply of Rails to Iran by H.S.L.

*170. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI D. C. SHARMA:
SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Steel Ltd. has secured an order for the supply of rails to lay a railway line between Istanbul and Tehran;

(b) If so, the value of the order and particulars of the contracting parties; and

(c) the other orders, if any, for steel exports which have been secured for 1967-68?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). Hindustan Steel Ltd. has secured orders for supply of 32,130 tonnes of rails valued at about Rs. 21.8 million to be delivered by 31st March 1969. The contract is between Mahindra & Mahindra and the Iranian State Railways. Hindustan Steel Ltd. has also secured an order for 16,152 tonnes of rails from Turkey valued at Rs. 10.4 million to be delivered by December 1968. The contract is between Mahindra & Mahindra and the Turkish State Railways. It is not known whether the rails would be utilised for construction of rail line between Istanbul and Tehran.

(c) Details of export orders item-wise secured by Hindustan Steel Ltd.

for the year 1967-68 are furnished below:

Category	Quantity (In '000 tonnes)	F. O. B. Value (In million rupees)	Destination
Pig Iron	440.0	124.6	Japan, South Korea.
Billets	58.5	27.0	Ceylon, Thailand, Okinawa, Japan.
Rails	58.1	38.5	Iraq, Iran, Ghana, New Zealand, Turkey.
Bars and Structural	370.0	215.1	USSR, South Vietnam, Hongkong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, Burma, Singapore, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Yugoslavia, U A R, Jordan, Kenya, USA and UK.
TOTAL	926.6	405.2	

Aluminium Industry

*171. SHRI ANBUCEZHIAN: Will the the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aluminium industry is suffering a great deal on account of the continued import of aluminium;

(b) whether some of the producers of aluminium have been compelled to work below capacity due to slackness in the demand;

(c) if so, the reason for the import of aluminium; and

(d) the total aluminium imported during 1967?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Import of aluminium, in all forms, during January—October, 1967 totalled upto 43,492 tonnes.

Publicity for Indian Goods Abroad

*172. SHRI M. L. SONDHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Export Publicity Advisory Committee has focussed attention of Government on the inadequacy of our current export publicity;

(b) whether the Committee has also pointed out that India's image abroad is that of a producer of primary products and handicrafts and the outside world has not heard of the enormous diversification in our industries; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee has made a number of recommendations in its report for the formulation of an effective and practical export publicity programme and its implementation in a co-ordinated manner. These are being examined by Government.

Production of Jute

*173. SHRI RANE:
SHRI K. HALDAR:
SHRI K. N. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of raw jute during this year and the comparative figures for the years 1965-66 and 1966-67;

(b) whether it is a fact that on account of bumper crop this year its prices have gone down;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the symposium recently held in New Delhi, the Finance Minister and the