

set-back due to the Africanisation policy followed by Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Ghana ;

(b) whether Government are thinking of evolving a multi-pronged strategy for stepping up our trade with these countries ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) While it is difficult to foresee definitely the effects of Africanisation measures in the individual countries named, there is no indication that our total trade with them has received a set-back.

(a) and (b). Government are making constant efforts to step up India's trade with these and other African countries, taking into account favourable as well as unfavourable factors. Among the measures adopted publicity through exhibitions, delegations and promotional literature ; trade agreements, intensive studies of trade opportunities in particular commodities or countries ; and encouragement to joint ventures in these countries, involving exports of our machinery and capital goods.

#### Exports under Fourth Plan

\*978. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :  
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fourth Plan target for exports has been finalised ;

(b) if so, the extent of increase in exports envisaged during the Plan period ;

(c) the estimated total export earnings during the Plan period ; and

(d) the steps being taken to achieve the target ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (d). The Fourth Five Year Plan is await-

ing finalisation and as such it is not possible to indicate the export targets before such finalisation. However, in the Planning Commission's Paper entitled "Approach to the Fourth Five Year Plan" it is stated that, "it will be necessary to raise the exports by about 7% per annum" during the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

#### Import of Non-ferrous Metals by M. M. T. C.

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SHRI P. K. DEO :  
SHRI D. N. DEB :  
SHRI R. K. AMIN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import various non-ferrous metals on the monopoly basis through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation ;

(b) if so, whether the business circles, including the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have cautioned Government against taking any hasty decision in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir. However, the requirements of non-priority industries will be met by the imports through M. M. T. C. as in the last year.

(b) Representations have been received about difficulties that may result if complete canalisation is introduced.

(c) Consideration is always given to such representations consistent with the need for arranging imports of essential raw materials on economical basis.

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