

पूर्वी पाकिस्तान और भारत के बीच यात्रा

*1699. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह : क्या बंबेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान रेडियो ने घोषणा की है कि पूर्वी पाकिस्तान के निवासियों को भारत आने के लिये अब किसी परमिट की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बंबेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :

(क) इस्लामाबाद स्थित हमारे हाई कमीशन से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार पश्चिम पाकिस्तान सरकार ने 15 अप्रैल 1969 को एक प्रेस नोट जारी किया था, जिसमें भारत आने वाले पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रियों को अनुमति पत्र देने की प्रणाली समाप्त कर दी गई। पूर्वी पाकिस्तान से भारत आने वाले पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रियों के सम्बन्ध में इस प्रकार के अनुदेश जारी किये गए हैं या नहीं, इनकी पुष्टि के लिए ढाका स्थित हमारे मिशन की सूचना की अभी प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

(ख) भारत सरकार पाकिस्तान की इस तरह की कार्यवाहियों का स्वागत करती है, जिन से दोनों देशों के सम्बन्ध सामान्य हो सकें।

Export of Iron and Manganese Ores

*1700. SHRI G. C. NAIK :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI :
SHRI D. R. PARMAR :

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

(a) the total quantity of exports of iron and manganese ores to various countries during the last two years ;

(b) the total value of exports and the countries to which these were exported ;

(c) the details of various private parties who were given export licences ; and

(d) the amount advanced by Government to the exporters ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) . A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The exports of iron and manganese ores are canalised through the M. M. T. C. M/s Manganese Ore India Ltd. is the only other party permitted to export special grade manganese ore to its traditional buyers abroad. After the liberation of Goa some of the shippers from this area have been allowed to export iron ore of Goan origin.

(d) No advances are made to exporters by the Government.

Statement

Qty. in Million Tonnes
Value in crores of rupees

Commodity	1967-68		1968-69		Countries to which exported
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Iron Ore	14.15	79.33	15.90	89.60	Japan, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, G. D. R., Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Spain, France,

1	2	3	4	5	6
					Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Switzerland, Formosa, Kenya and Iraq.
Manganese ore	1.04	11.29	1.21	11.86	Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Spain, U. K., U. S. A. Japan, North Korea, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Comments by Izvestia on Soviet-Pak Arms Deal

*1701. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a comment made by 'Izvestia', soon after a Half-an-Hour Discussion in the Lok Sabha on the Soviet-Pakistan arms deal, which attacked the critics of such deal as reactionary circles ;

(b) whether Government have drawn the attention of the Soviet Government to the fact that Indian democracy permits criticisms ;

(c) if so, the reply received from the from the U.S.S.R. Government ; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above in the negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The Hon. Member is presumably referring to the articles "Caravan goes on" in IZVESTIA dated April 15. The article makes no mention of Soviet-Pakistan arms deal.

(b) to (d). The fact that the Indian system of Government permits freedom of expression is well known to the world. Soviet Government is fully aware of it.

Delays in taking decision of Indo-Iranian joint venture

*1702. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the *Blitz* of the 19th April, 1969 where certain critical references to the Government of India for delays in taking decision on the Indo-Iranian Joint Venture proposals have been made ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b). Attention is invited to the statement made by me in the Lok Sabha on 25th April, 1969 on this subject.

Statement

The possibilities of India utilising the overland routes through Iran for transhipment of Indian merchandize to destinations in Europe had been mentioned during the visit to India in January, 1969, of the Shahanshah of Iran. Government are examining the feasibility of the use of the overland route and have asked for further details from the Government of Iran.

2. Government of India have not heard from the Government of Iran even hinting at any criticism of the Government of India in this regard. Government, however seen press report to that effect. Letters establishing a Joint Commission for Economic, Trade and Technical Cooperation between India and Iran were exchanged in January 1969, which envisaged that the first meeting of the Commission would be held in March, 1969. The