

SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
 SHRI NARENDRA SINGH
 MAHIDA :
 SHRI S. M. JOSHI :
 SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :

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

(a) whether the USSR has agreed to purchase 54,000 Railway wagons from India during the years 1970-71 to 1976-77 ;

(b) if so, the details of the prices fixed for each type of wagon; and

(c) the price charged by India for similar wagons sold out to other foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) A Protocol signed on 13.3.1968 between the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., and V/O Machinimport, a purchasing organisation of the USSR, envisages a programme of supply of 54000 railway wagons to USSR during the years 1969-70 to 1975-76.

(b) Negotiations are in progress.

(c) This type of wagon has not been manufactured in India, nor sold to any foreign country, as yet.

Tenders for Exports Submitted by State Trading Corporation

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 SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :
 SHRI R. V. NAIK :
 SHRI C. MUTHUSAMY :
 SHRI M. SUDARASANAM :

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

(a) the details of the tenders submitted by the State Trading Corporation for sale of various items to Government or private parties outside India during the last two years ;

(b) the details of the orders secured by the State Trading Corporation as a result of these tenders ;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many cases tenders of the State Trading Corporation were not accepted ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SARI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (d). The State Trading

Corporation had submitted 136 tenders and orders were secured in 26 cases. The reasons for non-acceptance of the tenders vary from case to case, such as the tender of the Corporation not being the lowest, better delivery and payment terms offered by others etc. In some cases the reasons for non-acceptance are not made known to the Corporation.

It would not be in the business interest of the Corporation to give details of the tenders submitted or orders secured,

Export of Manganese Ore to North Korea

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 SHRI SHARAD NAND :
 SHRI BHARAT SINGH
 CHAUHAN :
 SHRI HUKAM CHAND
 KACHWAI :
 SHRI MRITYUNJAY
 PRASAD :

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

(a) whether a Trade delegation from North Korea visited New Delhi in November 1968 and concluded an agreement for the import of manganese ore from India ;

(b) if so, other items likely to be exported to North Korea under the agreement ;

(c) whether Government have agreed to supply to North Korea the commodities which North Korea may eventually re export to Communist China because of its close relations with Peking ; and

(d) if so, whether any assurance has been taken from the North Korean Government that the goods imported from India will not find their way to China ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) A trade delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea visited New Delhi in November-December, 1968 to discuss the possibility of developing trade between the two countries. As a result of the talks held during this visit, letters have been exchanged in regard to trade and payments arrangements for a period of two years ending 31st December, 1970. While no specific agreement has been