

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The vessel s. s. ORPHEUS, that sailed from Haldia on 11-1-1969, as scheduled, was loaded with initial cargo at Calcutta and uptopped at Haldia. The second vessel s. s. JAGDEV named in the report was not offered for loading at Haldia.

The Japanese Steel Mills have nominated another vessel for uptopping at Haldia and it is shortly expected.

Indian Officials in Commonwealth Secretariat

*742. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian officials in the Commonwealth Secretariat;

(b) the terms and conditions of their appointment;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a general feeling in the Secretariat quarters that the representation of India and Pakistan is more in the Secretariat as compared to other Commonwealth countries; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Sixteen.

(b) Most of the diplomatic staff are on deputation from member Governments. Junior staff are recruited locally on local terms applicable to British Civil Service in U. K., irrespective of their nationality.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacture of T. V. Sets

*743. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : SHRI RAM AVTAR SHRMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the formation of two consortia of small industries for the manufacture of T. V. sets ;

(b) if so, the total number of T. V. sets likely to be manufactured by them during a year; and

(c) the total amount of imported contents that will be required ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Two consortia of small scale firms have been allowed to set up manufacture of 5000 TV sets each per annum.

(c) The import content per TV set is about Rs. 250,- at present. For 10,000 sets the total foreign exchange required will be about Rs. 25 lakhs per annum. The foreign exchange content is expected to come down to about Rs. 30/- per set in about two years during which indigenous manufacture of a number of TV components including picture tubes would be set up.

Bogus Exports

*744. SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA : SHRI S.M. KRISHNA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of exporting firms in Surat and Bombay are indulging in bogus exports;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the matter; and

(c) if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND

SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) . No, Sir; only one case has come to the notice of Government and the same is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

U. N. Charter

*745 **SHRI S. KUNDU** : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any change is contemplated in the United Nations Charter; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHI DINESH SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of U.S. Planes to Pakistan

*746. **SHRI K.M. MADHUKAR** : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that U. S. A. is likely to supply Phantom fighter planes to Pakistan either through Saudi Arabia or Iran;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made to find out the actual position in this respect; and

(c) if so, what is Government's information in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to information received by Government, on such agreement has been concluded for the supply of Phantom fighters to Pakistan.

Trade Agreement between India and East Germany

*747. **SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN** :
SHRI GANESH GHOSH ;

SHRI A.K. GOPALAN ;
SHRI UMANATH :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2713 on the 12th March, 1969 and state :

(a) whether the West German Government have objected to the recent trade agreement between India and East Germany; and

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

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Raw Jute by S. T. C.

*748. **SHRI D. N. PATODIA** : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has made a profit of Rs. two crores by selling jute to the industry at a price which is 100 per cent more than its own cost price;

(b) whether Government's policy to sell jute to the industry at such a high price pushes up the cost of jute products and makes it uncompetitive in the world market where Indian jute products are already facing a very stiff competition;

(c) if so, the justification for charging such a high price by the Corporation; and

(d) whether the Government have laid down any norm for the maximum profit that the Corporation should make for the supply of raw material to the industry which it imports from foreign countries for being supplied to the industry ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir. The nett profit of the S.T.C. was only Rs. 49 lakhs.