

**Indo-U.A.E. and Yugoslavia Trade Agreements**

\*322. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri C. C. Desai:**  
**Shri R. Barua:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreements have been signed as a result of the deliberations held between the representatives of Yugoslavia, United Arab Republic and India in Delhi in December, 1966; and

(b) if so, the main features of the agreements?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). No trade agreements were signed as a result of the deliberations between the representatives of Yugoslavia, U.S.S.R. and India held in Delhi in December 1966. The conclusions reached in the Ministerial Conference of the three countries are embodied in the Joint Communiqué issued at the end of the Conference. A copy of the Joint Communiqué is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-308/67].

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know in what way our export trade with Yugoslavia and United Arab Republic has been expanded during the last year and how our imports from these countries compare with our export trade?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I am sorry I do not have specific figures because the main question related to the Conference. If the hon. Member so desires I will get that information.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I hope the Minister can answer at least this question, because he is a very intelligible person. May I know if our export trade with Yugoslavia and the United Arab Republic shows an upward trend and our import trade from these countries shows a downward trend?

Shri Dinesh Singh: As I said, I do not have the figures here. In the joint meetings that were held it was found out that there was considerable scope of further enhancing the trade between these countries and some working groups were appointed. They have gone into the details of it and we are now looking at these recommendations. One group has already met and the other groups will be meeting shortly.

Shri D. C. Sharma: After I have asked the second question the Minister has come out with some information.

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is wrong on the part of the hon. Member to make such insinuations.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Where is the insinuation in asking for information? He takes it as an insinuation because perhaps he always thinks of insinuation.

Shri R. Barua: In order to implement the conclusions of the conference some ad hoc committees were appointed. May I know how these ad hoc committees were constituted whether a coordinating committee has also been constituted in order to bring about coordination in the implementation of the recommendations?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The three committees had official representatives of three governments. The coordinating committee is also similarly constituted.

Shri Tenneti Vishwanatham: Sir, I am asking for some information from you. I am not asking a question. The Minister in his reply has stated that a paper is laid on the Table of the House. I did not get a copy of that paper. When I enquired in the office I was told that the papers laid on the Table will be made available only at 12.30. How could any supplementaries be asked by the new members to these questions if those papers are not supplied to them earlier?

Mr. Speaker: I do not know if the other Members have got it. I will find out. I think normally they send it.

Shri Tenneti Viswanatham: I went to the office. I drew the attention of office to the fact that there is a question and I wanted to ask supplementaries after seeing the papers. So, I wanted a copy of the paper to be laid on the Table. Office informed me that papers to be laid on the Table of the House will be made available only after 12.30. That is the answer which I have got.

Mr. Speaker: I will look into it.

Dr. Ranen Sen: Some time back it was reported in the newspapers of India that as a result of trade agreements with Yugoslavia and other countries India is going to set up a factory to construct wagons on the soil of Yugoslavia so that India can export from that country wagons to other countries of Europe at comparable prices. May I know whether that report in the newspaper was correct? If so, in view of the terrible unemployment in this country, when people want more industries in our country why should the Government of India set up such big-scale factories outside India?

Shri Dinesh Singh: One of the sub-committees have gone into the question of joint collaboration in industrial enterprises and we are considering the report. The idea is that all the countries will have their own industries; it is not that these industries will be at the cost of one country or the other. The countries concerned will have the industries themselves. It was decided that we should consider the possibility of collaboration between the developing countries and explore that possibility further. These three countries felt that we should see how we could cooperate in helping one another in establishing new industries.

Shri S. R. Damani: On account of these agreements by what percentage

will our exports increase and in what commodity? Is textiles included in them?

Shri Dinesh Singh: By how much it will increase, we cannot say at this stage. That will have to be examined.

Shri S. Kandappan: From the communique I find that they have agreed to establish preferential tariff within the framework of international commercial policy. It is four months since that communique was issued. I would like to know whether the Minister is in a position to enlighten us as to whether any progress in regard to this particular item has been made in their talks with the respective officials.

Shri Dinesh Singh: The sub-committee, which will deal with it, is, I think, meeting some time later this month.

श्री सरजू पांडेय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि तीनों देशों से जो व्यापार समझौता हुआ है उस के मुताबिक क्या भारत में भी कोई इन देशों के सहयोग से किसी उद्योग की स्थापना करने का विचार है ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : जी हाँ, यहाँ मैंने प्रश्न किया कि यह बातें देखी जा रही हैं कि इन तीनों देशों में एक दूसरे की मदद से कौन से नये उद्योग बन सकते हैं।

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 323; Shri Banerjee.

श्री सरजू पांडेय : हमारे यहाँ से कोई प्रस्ताव या योजना है या नहीं ?

Mr. Speaker: I have called Shri Banerjee. We can link questions Nos. 333 and 336 also.

#### Cotton Position

- \*323. Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi:  
Shri Umamath:  
Shri C. K. Chakragani: