Central Silk Board

27. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman's post in vae Central Silk Board is vacant at present;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the performance of the Board was comparatively better when it was headed by a non-official who knew about the silk industry;
- (c) by when Government propose to fill up the vacancy; and
- (d) whether Government would consider to appoint a non-official as Chairman of the Silk Board in the interest of silk industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF I'IE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Post of the Chairman, Central Silk Board has been continuously held by non-officials since the year 1969-70 and, therefore, the question of comparing the performance of the Board on this count does not arise.
- (c) and (d) Action to fill up the post has already been initiated and appointment of the Chairman, Central Silk Board would be made shortly keeping in view the requirements of the posts as well as the merits and experience of the individuals concerned.

पाकिस्तान के साथ व्यापार

- 28. श्री शिव कुमार निश्व : क्या वारिएज्य पंत्री यह वताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :
- (क) जुलाई, 1985 के प्रथम सप्ताह में भारत श्रीर पाकिस्तान उच्चाधिकार प्राप्त प्रतिनिधिमंडलों के बीच हुए समझौते के फलस्वरूप निर्यात तथा श्रायात व्यापार में कितनी वृद्धि होने का श्रनुमान है श्रीर

(ख) इस समझौते के कब से अमल में आने का सभावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) ग्रौर (ख) जुलाई, 1985 के प्रारम्भ में भारत-पाक संयक्त श्रायोग के व्यापार संबंधी उप-म्रायोग में विचार विमर्शो में, दोनों मे प्रत्येक पक्षकार के निर्यात हित के उत्पादों की सांकेतिक सूचियों का भ्रादान-प्रदान किया गया भ्रौर दोनों पक्ष-ने बल्क वस्तुग्रों के वाणिज्यिक को गहन बनाने की सह-म्रादानप्र-दान मति व्यक्त की । इस संदर्भ में यह सहमति व्यक्त की गई कि संबंधित संगठन भारत से पाकिस्तान द्वारा लौह ग्रयस्क के ग्रधिक उठान को श्रन्तिम रूप देने के लिए ही बैठक करेंगे। तथापि, करार के ग्रन्तगंत निर्यात तथा भायात व्यापार में कोई विशिष्ट वृद्धि करने की नहीं थीं।

Working of public sector steel plants

29. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIC. KER:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) what is SAIL's investment on the public sector steel plants during the last three years, ending March, 1985, year-wise and what is the relative increase in the production of steel during these years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the steel production during the last three years is not in consonance with the investments made;
- (c) if so, what are the major drawbacks identified for the unsatisfactory performance of the public sector steel plants; and
- (d) what measures have been taken by Government to remove these impediments and to improve their operational efficiency?