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Andhra Pradesh

1421. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indo-Soviet Union Commission discussed the issues involved in setting up of Alumina Plant in Public Sector at Krishnadenpet in Visakhapatnam in, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Soviet dignitaries in their discussion with Government of India held in January and July, 1984 favoured the setting up of the plant; and
- (c) if so, rwhat steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The question of establishment of an export oriented bauxite mine /Alumina Plant at Krishnadevipeta in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh has been under discussion with the Soviet Side and the matter had come up in the meetings of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission, from time to tiros. At the 9th Session of the Joint Commission held

export-oriented bauxite mine be taken up first and it would be necessary to prepare detailed feasibility report for the project.

Payment of Dues of Indian Companies by Libya

1422. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- ta) whether it is a fact that talks were held with the Government of Libya in April, 1985 on the settlement of payment of outstanding dues of Indian, companies;
 - (b) if so, what is the result thereof;
- (c) what are the details of payment dues as on 31st December, 1984 and 30th April, 1985;
- (d) what is the value of projects currenty being executed in Libya and what are the names of the companies executing the projects- and

(e) what steps Government perpose to take tc bag mor_e new projects in Libya during th_e current financial year?

Written Answers

TH12 MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

- (c) Payments due on 31st December, 1984 were LD 40.359 million (equivalent to Rs. 141.25 crores). Payments due on 31st March, 1985 were LD 42.549 million (Rs. 148.92 crores),, (Information upto 30th April, 1985 is not available).
- (d) The value of projects currently being executed in Libya is LD 432,056 million (or Rs. 1512.20 crores). The names of the companies executing the projects are as under:-
 - 1. National Building Construction Corporation Limited.
 - 2. Gammon India Limited.
 - 3. Projects and Equipments Corporation of India Limited.
 - 4. D.S. Construction Pvt. Ltd.
 - 5. EMC Steel Limited.
 - 6. Turnkey Engineering Corporation.
 - 7. International Airports Authority of India Limited.
 - 8. Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.
 - 9. Vijay Tanks and Vessels Pvt. Ltd.
 - 10. Indian Road Construction Cor poration Ltd.
 - 11. United Technical Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
 - 12. KEC International Ltd.
 - 13. Continental Construction Ltd.
 - 14. G.S. Atwal and Co, Pvt. Ltd.
 - 15. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

(e) The Government of India encourages the Indian contractors to bid for new projects in Libya as elsewhere.

to Questions

Increase in India's Exports to African Countries

- 1423. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARA-DWAJ Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the details of country-wise and product-wise export-import "trade with Africa during the last three years and prospects in 1985-86;
- (b) what are the products the exports of which from Indian have increased on declined during the last three years and what products are being increasingly imported from African countries; and
- (c) what specific steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Govern ment for increasing Indian exports to African countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement showing India's trade with major African countries during the last three years is in the enclosure attached. The trade depends on a variety of factors and is expected to show an upward trend in the future. Product-wise) statistics are not available.

(c) Several measures have been initiat ed to ptemote trade with Africa, includ ing liberal credit policies, special bilateral trading arrangements, international seminars and participation in fairs/exhibi tions.

Statement

India's Trade with African Countries

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Country			1982-83		1983-84		1984-85		
				Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	April-Sep Exports	tember Imports
I				2	3	4	5	6	7
AFRICA				409.73	197.30	371.04	421.76	171.66	206.88
Algeria .				12.49	3.39	9.72	1.35	10.11	8.19