

Smuggling of foreign Textiles into India

914. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that foreign textiles are being smuggled into India on a large scale; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check such smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reports received by the Government and seizures made indicate that synthetic fabrics continues to be sensitive to smuggling into India.

(b) The drive against smugglers has been intensified. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs Department has been reinforced in vulnerable areas in terms of man-power and equipment and has been instructed to remain vigilant with respect to areas vulnerable to smuggling and commodities, including synthetic fabrics, sensitive to smuggling. In addition, appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in close co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. The matter is also kept under constant review for appropriate action.

Exports to malaysia etc.

915. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest figures of exports in U.S. dollars from India to Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan;

(b) how India's exports compare with that of exports from the above countries to India; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to boost India's exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Figures of India's exports and imports are compiled in Rupees and not in dollars. The figures of bilateral trade between India and Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan during the year 1983-84 are given below:

Rs in Lakhs

Countries	Exports	Imports
Malaysia . . .	6048	34449
Singapore . . .	19517	38496
Hong Kong . . .	21359	5811
Taiwan . . .	6639	9048

(c) All possible steps are being taken to boost India's export to these countries. India and Hong Kong have been participating in trade Fairs organised in the two countries from time to time. A number of official delegations have been exchanged with Malaysia and Singapore. 5th round of India-Malaysia joint Committee Talks is likely to be held in the near future. A trade delegation from Trade Development Board of Singapore is likely to visit India in April, 1985.

Concern over the activities of certain Bank Officials

916. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article in the Hindustan Times of 28th January, 1985 giving names of some of the banks whose activities are causing concern as intelligence sleuths have dug up serious matters regarding them;

(b) whether Government have made any investigations in this regard; if so, what are their findings in respect of allegations made against some banks that jobs are being given by their executives after accepting bribes which run into Rs. 5,000