

Air service to Goa

1718. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start air service to Goa in between Mangalore and Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Tin plates in India

1719. SHRIMATI PRATIMA BOSE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether tin plates are being manufactured in India; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is importing tin plates; if so, the quantity imported during the last one year and the prices paid for the same; and

(c) what are the norms and conditions laid down by the Steel Authority of India Limited for distributing the tin plates?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. There are three tin plate producing units in the country with annual licenced capacity shown against each below:—

Name of the Unit	Annual licenced Capacity (in tonnes)
(1) Rourkela Steel Plant of SAIL.	2,000,000
(2) M/s Tin Plate Company of India Limited	1,60,000
(3) M/s K.R. Steel Union (P) Limited	60,000

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited as a canalizing agency, have imported 21,589 tonnes of prime tin plates during the year 1979-80 at an average price of Rs. 5445/- per tonne (C. & F.) and during the current year, upto November, 1980, they have placed orders for import of 21,829 tonnes of prime tin plates at an average price of Rs. 5992/- per tonne (C. and F.).

(c) Indigenous production of tin plates is distributed to the consuming units on the basis of a formula approved by the Tin plates Producers Consultative Committee which takes into accounts, the past off-take and capacity of unit. Imports are, however, made on back to back basis; that is against specific requirements registered by individual units.

Retail prices of essential commodities

†1720. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the open market average retail prices of sugar, pulses, potatoes, gur; mustard oil, groundnut oil, meat, fish and rice, State-wise and month-wise from April to the end of October, 1980;

(b) the factors responsible for the rise or fall in the prices of these items?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJMOHAN MOHANTY): (a) The month end retail prices of rice, arhar (split), masoor (split), levy free sugar, gur, potatoes, mustard oil, groundnut oil, mutton and fish are given in annexure for the months April to October, 1980 [See Appendix CXVI, Annexure No. 105] It is not possible to give statewide average retail prices as such data are not available.

(b) Apart from the general inflationary situation, rise in the prices of the commodities during the period specified in part (a) of the question

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may be attributed, in general terms, to decline in production, widespread drought in 1979, transport bottleneck and seasonality factor.

Import and Export of Goods

1721. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what is the quantity and value of the country-wise and commodity-wise export and import of goods in the first half of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): Country-wise and Commodity-wise details of official Export/Import statistics for the first half of the current financial year are not yet available.

Export of Commodities Manufactured in Gujarat

1722. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of commodities produced and manufactured in Gujarat which were exported in 1979-80 and 1980-81 and to which countries;

(b) what was the quantity and value of these commodities exported country-wise from Gujarat during the same period;

(c) whether the existing incentives have proved to be inadequate for the promotion of exports of these commodities;

(d) if so, what are the measures under the consideration of Government to boost their exports; and

(e) what is the contribution of the export of these commodities in national foreign exchange earnings in percentage as well as in amounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (e) Official statistics of India's Export/Import Trade are not compiled and published on State-wise basis and hence separate statistics of exports from State of Gujarat are not available.

1723. [Transferred to the 17th December, 1980.]

Production of vegetable oil in Co-operative sector in Assam

1724. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a factory to produce vegetable oil has been started in Co-operative Sector in Assam by the STATFED; and

(b) if so, by when the factory is likely to commence production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJMOHAN MOHANTY): (a) and (b) A factory to produce Vanaspathi is under installation by the Assam State Cooperative Marketing and Consumers Federation Ltd. (STATFED), and according to the progress reported by the latter, it is scheduled to commence production in September, 1981.

कुद्रेमुख लौह अयस्क परियोजना के बारे

में ईरान के साथ व्यापार समझौते में परिवर्तन

1725. श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सितम्बर, 1980 में वित्तमंत्री द्वारा ईरान यात्रा के अवसर पर हुई बातचीत के आधार पर ईरान के साथ कुद्रेमुख परियोजना के बारे में पहले हस्ताक्षरित व्यापार समझौते में किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित परिवर्तनों के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?