

plementary is, as per his words, should we understand that these fictitious allegations have been made against some officers of the Export Inspection Council only because they were important and efficient officers?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA:
That was neither the language nor the import of my answer.

श्री जदीश जोशी : मन्त्री महोदय क्या यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि श्री मजूमदार कितने वर्षों से उसके अधिकारी हैं और 10 वर्ष पूर्व वह क्या था ? यह भी बताने की कृपा करें कि उस कौंसिल में उनके अपने कार्यकाल के दौरान उन्होंने अपने कितने रिश्तेदारों को नौकरी या तरक्की दी ?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA:
Sir, I have already stated that so far as this particular person is concerned, Shri Majumdar, he has been found to be a very competent officer. As you know, Sir, Government do not take steps according to the rule of thumb or in a mechanical manner. If somebody is found to be exceptionally efficient, sometimes, the rule of thumb or mechanical seniority-wise promotion is dispensed with. In his case, it has been found to be so. So far as some of his relations being employed in his office or in some other allied offices is concerned, the norms of appointment have been observed. When I received the allegation, I personally looked into it. There were also other people in that committee. I put a senior officer to look into the allegation. I am satisfied that they have been appointed on merit. I would like to submit that being an officer or a Minister or somebody in a high office may not be a qualification, but it cannot be a disqualification either.

Foreign exchange earnings through export of engineering goods

*152. **SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:**†

SHRI HIMMAT SINH:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total value of export of engineering goods from India during the years 1974-75 and 1975-76;

(b) what is the total value of foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(c) what is the value of export of (i) textile and jute mill machinery (ii) heavy electrical wares (iii) electrical wires and cables (iv) wagons and (v) steel structurals during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Exports of engineering goods were of the value of Rs. 349.11 crores during 1974-75 and Rs. 400.07 crores during 1975-76 (Provisional).

The required information in regard to the value of exports of items mentioned in para (c) of the question is as under:—

	1974-75	1975-76 (Prov.)
	(Rs. in crores)	
(i) Textile & Jute Mill Machinery	16.28	21.80
(ii) Heavy Electricals	11.99	14.50
(iii) Electric Wires and cables	17.25	22.43
(iv) Wagons and coaches	9.92	16.47
(v) Steel structurals	11.71	16.18

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Lakshmi Kumari Chundawat.

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चूडावत : क्या माननीय मन्त्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सही है कि साउथ ईस्ट एशिया की तरफ हमारे देश के इंजीनियरिंग गुड्स के लिए बहुत बड़ा मार्किट मिल सकता है ? यदि हां, तो उस मार्किट को कैप्चर करने के लिए हमारी सरकार की तरफ से क्या क्या प्रयास किया गया है ?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: It is true that there is vast potential for the export of engineering goods to South-East Asia. Already the efforts that have been made show that we have made substantial inroads into that market. The figures show that we have exported 26.6 per cent of our engineering goods to South-East Asia, and this shows that the efforts we have made in this direction, the way in which we have pressed the ETTDC and the PEC (Projects and Equipments Corporation) and also the general measures we have taken in facilitating the withdrawal of drawbacks, etc., have taken effect.

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चूडावत : मैं यह भी जानना चाहती हूं कि हम जो स्टील स्ट्रक्चर विदेशों को भेज रहे हैं, वे कौन-कौन से मुल्कों को भेज रहे हैं और क्या यह भी सही है कि इस सम्बन्ध में हमें जो आर्डर प्राप्त होते हैं उनके अनुसार हम निश्चित क्वांटिटी देने में काफ़ी देरी कर देते हैं ?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, whereas mainly our engineering goods are going to South-East Asia and West Asia and next, to Africa, we are doing our best to cope with the orders we have at hand, and it cannot be said that we are unable to cope with the orders we have. We are pressing hard.

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA: Sir, the export performance is really commendable, and we would like to congratulate the Commerce Minister

and his colleague for the success they had. But I would like to know: Is it a fact that there has been a declining trend in respect of steel pipes and tubes, and is it also a fact that because of the gulf in steel products in our country, we are exporting our steel at a cost lower than the cost of production? It is reported in papers like that. Secondly, the hon. Minister has not mentioned anything about the exports of the non-ferrous industry. I think there is an upward trend in the exports of the non-ferrous industry. Will the hon. Minister enlighten us on that point?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, in the non-ferrous industry our exports have gone up. In the year 1974-75 the exports were Rs. 11.58 crores; in 1975-76 they are above Rs. 17 crores. In regard to the specific item of steel pipes, in 1974-75 it was Rs. 41.40 crores; it has gone down in 1975-76 to Rs. 20 crores. As far as our export price of steel going below its cost price is concerned, I am not able to state the position.

SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON: Sir, in view of the fact that there is great scope for the export of engineering goods, specially electrical and electronic goods, would the hon. Minister state what is the infrastructure that is planned to sustain this boom, and also whether the 11-point plan of action is in operation? Also, Sir, I would like to know whether, in view of the fact that there is the GSP in operation—giving duty-free entry of our goods into other countries—we have also made any reciprocal simplification of our rules for import of articles and items.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: In electronics, the exports have gone up as we can see from the figures. In the year 1972-73 they were of the order of Rs. 4.72 crores, in the year 1975-76 they have gone up to Rs. 13.30 crores. Of course we have the Electronics Commission. In Santa Cruz

there is a separate export processing zone. So far as reciprocity of GSP is concerned, it is not there.

श्री प्रकाश मेहरोत्रा : श्रीमन्, मशीन ये जो एक्सपोर्ट की जा रही हैं इनमें केवल इंडीविजुअल मशीनें ही हैं या कम्पलीट प्लान्ट्स भी इसमें हैं ?

दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि एक्सपोर्ट में कितना परसेन्टेज पब्लिक सेक्टर इन्टर प्राइजेज का है और कितना प्राइवेट सैक्टर का ?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, apart from machines, it is true we are going into turn-key projects and under this cement plants and water pumping plants have been exported. We do not keep figures company-wise. We keep it only direction-wise. So, it will not be possible to give separate figures company-wise.

SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: Sir, in the statement, the value of export for 1975-76 under 'Heavy electricals' is given as Rs. 14.50 crores. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether electrical turbines are also included in this. I would also like to know whether it is a fact that the BHEL Hyderabad is able to produce 110 megaton electrical turbines and the Commerce Ministry is unable to get market for them outside. Is the Ministry making efforts to find the market outside? Otherwise there is every danger that the BHEL, Hyderabad is going to suffer a lot.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I can get the information and lay it before the House.

DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-BARTI: Sir, in the statement the value of exports under 'Textile and Jute Mill Machinery' for the year 1975-76 has been shown as Rs. 21.80 crores. May I know from the hon. Minister how many of the jute mills of Calcutta have purchased this jute machinery manufactured by our own

concerns for modernisation of their plants? It is all right that we have exported machinery worth a substantial amount but what about our own jute mills?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, about the purchases made by private mills we do not have direct information.

DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-BARTI: Most of the jute mills of Calcutta are private mills. So you must have some information about their purchases of the jute machinery manufactured by our own concerns for modernisation of their plants.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is more a question for the Heavy Engineering rather than the Commerce Ministry.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: It is true that the export trade has increased considerably. It is very commendable but at the same time I would like to know whether the Government is satisfied with the quality of the goods that are being exported outside because the quality of the goods is also important.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Had not our quality been improving, our exports would not have been expanding.

Search made at the residence of the owner of South Point School, Calcutta

*153. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:†

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a search conducted at the residence of

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Yogendra Sharma.