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**Loss in production in public sector undertakings in Kerala due to power cut**

\*177. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the loss in production in public sector undertakings of the Central Government located in Kerala due to the recent power cut?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

The Central Government Public Sector Undertakings in Kerala suffered a total loss of Rs. 2.16 crores in production due to the recent power cut imposed by the Kerala State Electricity Board during June—July, 1976. Details of the production loss suffered by each public enterprise is as under:—

| Name of the Undertaking                              | Loss in production (Rs. lakhs) |
|--|--------------------------------|
| (i) Cochin Shipyard Ltd. .                           | 0.32                           |
| (ii) Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. . . . . | 144.89                         |
| (iii) Hindustan Latex Ltd. .                         | 1.00                           |
| (iv) Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. . . . .             | 18.65                          |
| (v) Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. . . . .             | 5.06                           |
| (vi) Indian Rare Earths Ltd.                         | 9.79                           |
| (vii) Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd. . . . .           | 0.35                           |
| (viii) National Textile Corporation Ltd. . . . .     | 35.81                          |

N.B.—1 Cashew Corporation of India Ltd. is a service organisation and recent power cut had no effect on its activities.

2. There was no loss in production in Cochin Refineries Ltd. due to recent power cut imposed by Kerala State Electricity Board as it was exempted from the same.

**Commercial relations with S.E.A. countries**

\*178. SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI;  
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN;  
SHRI B. RACHAIAH;  
SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to improve commercial relations with the neighbouring South East Asian Countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken to improve commercial relations with the neighbouring South East Asian countries include trade agreements, visits by delegations, organising exclusive Indian trade fairs/exhibitions, participation in international fairs/exhibitions in these countries, industrial collaboration, etc.

**Handloom projects**

\*179. SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the progress so far made in the Handloom Intensive Development projects