

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. V. RAGHU-IMATHA REDDY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### FOREIGN COMPANIES OPERATING IN INDIA

141. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the foreign Companies having their registered office outside India operating in this country; and

(b) the places of the registration, of these Companies and the nature of business of each of the Companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. V. RAGHU-NATHA REDDY): (a) and (b) There were 541 foreign Companies as defined under Section 591 of the Companies Act, 1956 at work in India as on 31st March, 1972. Their names, addresses of registered offices in the countries of their incorporation and the nature of business carried on by them are given in the Annexed Statement. [See Appendix LXXXII, Annexure No. 61.

#### FALL IN JUTE EXPORTS

142. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA NARAYANA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of jute is likely to fall this year, if so, how far the export of jute is likely to decline on this account; and

(b) how far the fall in export of this item is likely to be made good by increased export of other items?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No decline in the export of jute goods this year is anticipated due to fall in production of raw jute, since the shortfall in our raw jute production is planned to be made good through imports.

(b) Does not arise.

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#### SUPPLY OF WAGONS TO IRAN

143. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA NARAYANA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of wagons to Iran has been delayed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b) There has been some delay in the commencement of delivery of wagons to Iran due to the following reasons:—

(i) Delay in completing the contractual formalities by Iranian authorities.

(ii) Delay in supply of steel for manufacture of wagons.

(iii) Disruption caused by Pakistani aggression last year.

Production has already commenced and the first shipment is expected to take place this month.

#### EXPORT OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS

144. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA NARAYANA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for Indian religious books is increasing in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, what incentives, if any, are being given to promote the export of such books?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) As "Indian religious books" are not classified separately, in Revised Indian Trade Classification, information is not available for such books. Exports of Indian books, pamphlets, booklets, brochures and leaflets including religious books for the last three years to East European countries, USA, France etc. is given below:—

	(Value in Rs. lakhs)
1969-70	101.46
1970-71	76.78
1971-72	113.77