

IMPORT OF PAPER PLANTS FROM U.K.

120. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import paper plants from U.K.; and

(b) if so, the terms of the deal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH CHINA

121. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being initiated for resumption of trade relations between China and India; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b)

The Government has consistently expressed its desire to normalise relations with China, including trade relations. There has, however been no response from China so far.

IMPORT OF MACHINERY, COMPONENTS AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

122. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy in regard to the import of machinery and components and foreign know-how is being liberalised in so far as it is necessary to secure an immediate improvement in industrial production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the liberalised policy will come into effect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EXPORT OF KHADI GARMENTS

123. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fashionable khadi garments are proposed to be exported;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the countries to which the garments are to be exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (c)

It is Government's effort to develop exports of garments of all types including garments made of Khadi. Some exports of Khadi garments may have already taken place, but no separate export statistics for different destinations are available.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ETHIOPIA

124. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreement has been signed with the Government of Ethiopia recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SMUGGLING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER

125. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

SHRI VENIGALLA SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the smuggling activities of some international smugglers on India-Bangla Desh borders; and