

# REDUCTION IN TOBACCO IMPORTS BY BRITAIN

\*482. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has pruned its tobacco imports reducing proportionately the prospects of India's tobacco exports to that country;

(b) if so, the extent to which India's tobacco exports are likely to decline as a result thereof and the extent of accumulation of tobacco in the country at present and likely production in 1972; and

(c) the steps being taken to explore new markets abroad for Indian tobacco ?

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

(b) Does not arise. Tobacco production in Andhra Pradesh which is the largest producer of Flue Cured Virginia tobacco is expected to be of the order of 125 to 150 million Kgs in 1972.

(c) As per Trade Agreement with Bangla Dosh tobacco to the value of Rs 10 crores will be exported to that country in 1972, USSR, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria are also purchasing increased quantities of tobacco this year. Besides State Trading Corporation is trying to locate other foreign markets.

# "ASIA 1972" INDUSTRIAL FAIR

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SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state .

(a) whether 'Asia 1972' Industrial Fair is being organised in New Delhi this year;

(b) the names of the countries participating in this Fair;

(c) the names of the important countries which are not participating in Asia 1972 and the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether the attention of Government has been invited to a report on the subject in the 'Motherland' of the 23rd February, 1972 and if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) International participation position as obtaining on 31-3-72 is given in attached statement (*see below*).

(c) India attaches equal importance to all countries invited to participate in the Fair. Some of the African and Latin American countries, who had earlier expressed their inability to participate, are re considering their decision. Certain other countries have not formulated their programme for participation in Fairs and Exhibitions for the calendar year, 1972. The final position would, therefore, be known only by the end of May

(d) Yes, Sir, Government have no comments to offer

# STATEMENT

*Names of Countries who have agreed to participate in the Third Asian Trade Fair*

# ECAFE countries

## Asia

1. Afghanistan
2. Bhutan
3. Ceylon
4. Indonesia
5. Iran
6. Iraq