

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/
गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The talks have been in the nature of exchange of views which have been taking place from time to time. No definite conclusions have been reached but further discussions are continuing.

INDO-YUGOSLAV TRADE RELATIONS

*250. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :
DR. B. N. ANTANI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to a press report appearing in the Patriot of 12th February, 1971 stating that Yugoslavia is making a concerted attempt to scuttle the rupee payment trade agreement with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any formal communication in this regard has been received from the Government of Yugoslavia; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India in this regard and how the same would affect our trade with Yugoslavia ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Yugoslav suggestion for replacing the existing rupee payment arrangement between the two countries with a system of trading in multilateral currencies has been under examination between the two Governments for some time. Since the visit of the official delegation referred to in the press report appearing in the Patriot of 12th February, 1971, a delegation led by the Yugoslav Minister of Economy has visited India in July 1971. As a result of the discussions held with this delegation, it has been decided that the current

trade and payments agreement will be extended upto 31st December, 1972 after which date all payments between the two countries in respect of new transactions should be made in convertible currencies. This decision as subject to ratification by the Governments of the two countries.

Since the new system of settlement of transactions in convertible currencies will come into force only in 1973, it is too early to say how the trade will behave when payments in convertible currencies are introduced in 1973. It will be the endeavour of the two Governments to expand trade and economic co-operation between the two countries.

DEVELOPMENT OF CALCUTTA

*251. SHRI GOLAP BARBORA :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI MAHITOSH PURA-KAYASTHA :

Will the Minister of PLANNING/योजना मंत्री be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1385 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 1970 and state :

(a) the progress so far made towards the execution of the specific schemes for the development of Calcutta ;

(b) the stages of execution in each case; and

(c) the time by when the schemes are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING/योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) to (c) The State Government has been requested to furnish the required information and as soon as it is received, it will be placed on the Table of the House.

A. R. C. RECOMMENDATIONS

252. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
DR. SALIG RAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/गृह मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations of the A.R.C. which have so far been accepted by Government; and

(b) the recommendations which have been implemented so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL/गृह मंत्रालय और कामिक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Reference is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the House on 29th July, 1970 showing the decisions taken on the recommendations contained in eight reports of the Administrative Reforms Commission and the implementation of those decisions. A similar statement embodying the developments since then will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया के साथ भारत का व्यापार

*253. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत को मध्य पूर्व तथा दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया के देशों के साथ व्यापार में चीन के साथ कड़ा मुकाबला करना पड़ रहा है ; और

(ख) इस क्षेत्र के देशों के साथ व्यापार में वृद्धि करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

†[INDIA'S TRADE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

*253. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing tough competition from China in trade in the Central East and South East Asian countries; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to augment trade with the countries in this region ?]

विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (श्री एल० एन० मिश्र) : (क) तथा (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है ।

विवरण

चीन द्वारा व्यापार आकड़े सविस्तर प्रकाशित नहीं किये जाते । अन्य स्रोतों के माध्यम से प्राप्त जानकारों से प्रकट होता है कि इस क्षेत्र के देशों को चीन से होने वाले निर्यातों में अधिकांशतः मूल उत्पाद, वस्त्र और हल्का इंजीनियरी माल शामिल है । भारत के निर्यातों में इंजीनियरी माल, रसायन सामग्री, खनिज अयस्क और वस्त्रों पर बल दिया जाता है । प्रतियोगिता अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार को कुर्जी है और इस क्षेत्र तथा अन्य क्षेत्रों में प्रतियोगी बने रहने के लिये भारत अविरत रूप से प्रयत्नशील है । क्वालिटी और कीमत को चुनौतियों का सामना करने के अतिरिक्त व्यापारिक लेन-देन के विस्तार तथा विविधीकरण के लिये उपयुक्त संवर्धनात्मक उपाय किये जाते हैं ।

एशियाई देशों को अथवा जो इकाफे क्षेत्र के नाम से विख्यात हैं, भारत के निर्यात वर्ष 1966-67 में 243 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़ कर वर्ष 1969-70 में 379 करोड़ रुपये के हो गये । वर्ष 1970-71 (अप्रैल-दिसम्बर) में ये निर्यात 310 करोड़ रु० तक पहुंच गये जब कि वर्ष 1969-70 की उसी अवधि में 266 करोड़ रुपये के निर्यात हुए थे ।

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STATEMENT

Trade statistics are not published in detail by China. From information available through other sources, China's exports to the countries in this region comprise largely of primary products, textiles and light engineering goods. The emphasis in Indian exports has been on engineering goods, chemicals, mineral ores and textiles. In an international market competition is the

†[] English translation.