

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/

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(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b)
An investigation in the matter by the C.B.I. is
in progress and it has not so far indicated any
thing of espionage interest.

**DUTY FREE ENTRY OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS
INTO BRITAIN FROM DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

1134. SHRI DEV DATT PURI: SHRI
RAM SAHAI:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN
TRADE/ fe|5(- [^]qR [^]
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to a recent statement b'y Braitain's
Secretay of State for Trade and Industry in the
House of Commons that clauses would be in-
cluded in their Finance Bill to enable their
Government to offer duty-free entry of
industrial goods into that country from
developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this arrangements is likely to
benefit India as compared to the present
position of exports to Britain and E.E.C.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE;

(SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The U. K. Finance Bill, 1971, giving
effect to the proposals contained in the
Budget speech of the Chancellor of
Exchequer made in the last week of March.
1971, is intended to "grant certain duties, to
alter other duties and to amend the Law
relating to National Debt and Public
Revenue, and to make further provision in
connection with Finance".

Clause I of the Bill deals with relief from
import duty for goods of developing
countries. This contains

enabling powers that would allow the British
Government to introduce such measures as are
necessary to implement their under-takings
given in the context of G.S.P. Provision has
been made in the Bill for special treatment to be
accorded to "handloom" cotton and silk articles
though mill-made cot-I ton and silk fabrics have
been excluded in the offers of the United
Kingdom.

(c) In the case of U.K. where India is at
present enjoying preferential treatment as a
Commonwealth country and as a result of the
Indo-U.K. Trade

1 Agreement of 1939, she has to share some of
her existing Commonwealth preferences with
other non-Commonwealth developing
countries under the G.S.P. In case of E.E.C,
however, all the non-traditional items of
exports of

1 India will get the benefit of the scheme,
subject to certain ceilings.

TRADE CONTROL ORDER

1135. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN-Will
the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE' fe?5T
STTTK *J3ft be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all types of
marine products, both frozen and canned,
have been brought under the Export Trade
Control Order with effect from April 1, 1971;

(b) whether the Sea-food Ex-perters'
Association of India have made any
representation to Government alleging
inordinate delays in shipments as a result of
'his order; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government
thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE

fe?5(sotWTC *^Wt ^ 3li?) (SHRI
A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The difficulties experienced by the
exporters in complying with some formalities
[procedure were discussed and have since
been resolved.