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*542. SHRI SITARAM JA1PURIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER/5P*W tt be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give licences to foreign companies to manufacture TV sets in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign companies to whom the licences are proposed to be given;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute. Indian Pilani and the Television Manufacturers' Association have recently opposed the proposal of Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS

(SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (d) To meet the anticipated demand of ΤV receivers in the Fourth Plan period, applications were invited from all categories of manufacturers; these are under consideration and a decision will be taken in accordance with the industrial policy. curre'nt Govern ment are awar⇔ of the views expres sed by the Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute. Pilani. and the Indian Television Manufacturers' Association opposing the granting of licences to foreign companies to manufacture T.V. sets.

INDIA'S SHARE IN WORLD EXPORTS

*543. SHRI KALYAN ROY SHRI N. K. KRISHNAN: SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE;

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE / विवेज व्यापरि नंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's share in World exports has been steadily declining since 1963;

(b) if so, the figures thereof for the past three years; and

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(c) what are the factors responsible for it and the steps taken by Government to increase its share?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE

विद इ व्यापार मंत्री (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(b) India's Share in the World Exports (f.o.b.)

(Value in million U.S. Dollars)

Year		World Exports*	India's Ex- ports	India's Exports as percen- tage of (2)
1963		135400	1626	1.20
1964	- 2	152200	1705	1.13
1965		164700	1688	1.02
1966		180600	1603	0.89
1967		189800	1613	0.85
1968		212400	1754	0.83
1969		242900	1834	0.75
1970	¥	276600		0.73
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•Excluding the trade of China (Mainland) Mangolia, Democratic Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic, Vietnam and centially planned, Economics of Europe and USSR.

Source :-- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, United Nations.

fApril, 1971-DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(c) Factors responsible for a decline in India's share of world export and the steps taken by the Government to increase it.

Both external and internal factors have contributed to a decline in India's share of world trade. It is well known that the world demand for our major traditional exports is not growing fast enough for reasons beyond our control. Commodities like tea have been faced with the problems of slow growth of demand in the importing countries, excess production and low prices for the last many years. The exports

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of jute manufactures have been effect- j ed by the growth of synthetic sub- | stitutes as well as increased competition from Pakistan. Import substitution in other developing countries as well as quota restrictions in developed countries have affected exports of cotton textiles. On the domestic front, more recently there have been shortages of some critical inputs like steel which have hampered the growth of exports. Output of some commercial $crop_s$ which enter our export trade ha_s also been inadequate and this has affected export surpluses.

2. Government are fully aware of the decline in India's share of world exports. A sustained increase in exports can come about only as a result of structural transformation of the economy. Our export structure has to shift in favour of products in which the. wor d trade is growing rapidly. These happen' to be mainly the industrial products. Several measures have been taken in recent years to promote exports and secure a larger share in world exports. These include:

(a) Adequate orientation of licensing policy in order to step up the export effort;

(b) Preferential treatment for export oriented production units for further expansion of export production, improvement of instal led capacity and for import of raw materials and components from pre ferred sources of supply;

(c) Liberalisation of imports for export oriented production units;

(d) Priority treatment for exports in the matter of supply of indigenous raw materials;

(e) Compensatory support on exports of selected products.

(f) The setting up of Trade Development Authority for Selective and intensive development of products with growth potential;

to Questions

(g) Increasing role of public sector organisations like the State Trading Corporation and Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation for promoting exports: (h) The institution" by developed countries of a Generalised System of Tariff Preferences in favour of developing countries. 3. The compound rate of growth of exports envisaged in the Fourth Five Year Plan is 7 per cent per annum. Broad guidelines for the export effort needed to realise this target are set out in the Export Policy Resolution presented to Parliament in July^ 1970. EXPORT OF SALT

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रूई ग्रौर रूई के धागे का ग्रायात

*545. श्री लाल ग्राडवाणी : श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

क्या **विदेश व्यापार** मंत्री यह बताने को कपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सूती कपड़ा विकास परिषड् के हाल के प्रतिबेदन में यह बात कही गई है कि यदि उपभोगताओं की की मांग और निर्यात की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करनी है तो लगभग 230 करोड़ रुपये की रूई और रूई के धागे का आयात आवश्यक है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में भारत सम्बन्ध की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

IMPORT OF COTTON AND COTTEN YAKS

*545. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI; SHRI SUNDAR sINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been stated in the recent report of the cotton textile development council that in order to meet the consumer's demand and also the requirements of

tl"] English translation.