

(c) The slight fall in the value of exports of unmanufactured tobacco has been due to the over-production and accumulation of lower grades of Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco during 1968-69.

There has been progressive decline in exports of tobacco products for the following reasons :—

- (i) Local production and high import duties in consuming countries and
- (ii) Difficulty in getting consumer acceptance due to brand consciousness.

#### EXPORT TARGETS

1067. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export targets for 1969-70 are likely to be fulfilled;
- (b) if not, the expected shortfall in the target of exports;
- (c) the reasons for this shortfall, and
- (d) the total amount spent so far on various export promotion schemes during the year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) It is not possible to state, at this stage, the likely value of exports during 1969-70, as a whole and therefore, the extent of shortfall, if any, from the target.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The total amount spent so far from the market Development Fund, on export promotion measures for the period from 1-4-69 to 28-2-70 amounts to Rs. 4097.64 lakhs.

#### IMPORT OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS

1068. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of industrial raw material imported into India during 1969; and

(b) how much of it is already being canalised through the State Trading Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation.'

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### IMPORT THROUGH S.T.C.

1069. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently decided to import some more items through the State Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import of the following items has recently been canalised through the State Trading Corporation :

Titanium dioxide

Ammonium nitrate—technical grade

Cresylic acid

Hops

#### CHINA'S POLICY TOWARDS INDIA

1070. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have noticed any change in China's policy towards India recently; and

(b) whether Government have considered some special measures to have the i.,sue., s.'tled with China, if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government will consider the matter at the appropriate time.