

The leadership of the present Government of Nagaland has the best claim to represent the people of Nagaland. They have been returned to power in a fair and free election in which nearly 78 per cent of the electorate cast their votes. Government of India are lending full support to the lawfully constituted Government in Nagaland to enforce law and order in the State, and to develop Nagaland into a peaceful and prosperous constituent unit of the Indian Union.

TRADE CONTRACT WITH BULGARIA AND TUNISIA

251. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation of India has signed a tri-lateral contract with the commercial organisations of Bulgaria and Tunisia for the export of tea and other commodities;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the agreement signed; and

(c) how it is going to favour our balance of trade ?

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

(b) India will export tea and other commodities to Tunisia and will import urea from Bulgaria. Bulgaria will buy triple super-phosphate from Tunisia.

(c) The arrangement envisages export earnings in non-convertible Indian Rupees to the tune of Rs. 34 million to be utilised for importing urea from Bulgaria.

252. [Transferred to the 6th May, 1969.]

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

253. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of books and magazines which are imported every year and what is their value in Indian currency;

(b) how many of such books and magazines are imported on the advice of the Ministry of Education or for educational purposes; and

(c) how many books and magazines are exported every year and what is their value in rupees ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (c) A statement is attached. [See Appendix LXVIII, Annexure No. 2].

(b) The import policy for books and magazines is formulated on the basis of the advice of the Ministry of Education.

IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE

254. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of import and export trade during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69;

(b) how much of such trade was done through the State Trading Corporation or other agencies in the public sector and the private sector during these years; and

(c) what are the profits earned by the State Trading Corporation and private concerns during these years through import and export Trade ?