

IMPORT OF U.S. GOODS

918. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article published in an American magazine "International Commerce" dated 8th July, 1968 to the effect that India has imported U.S. goods worth 1,000 million dollars in 1966-67;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to restrict import and to become self-reliant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) A statement showing details of goods imported from USA during 1966-67 is attached. (See below.)

(c) The details of the imports show that most of the imports from USA were food-stuffs, machinery, transport equipments, Fertilizers, Non-ferrous metals, raw cotton and other essential commodities necessary for the development of the economy of the country. In pursuance of the Government's declared policy, a very high priority is being given to agricultural production to attain self-sufficiency in food-grains by 1970-71. Imports of machinery and equipment are also allowed only after strict scrutiny of their need.

STATEMENT

India's Imports from U.S.A.

Value in US \$ Mill

Sl. No.	Commodities	1966-67
I	Cereal and cereal preparations of which—	587.601
	(i) Wheat	423.319
	(ii) Rice	10.699
	(iii) Cereal unmilled	141.125
	(iv) Maize unmilled	6.946
II	Machinery and Transport Equipment—	183.333
	(i) Machinery other than electric	131.901

Sl. No.	Commodities	1966-67
	(ii) Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	30.161
	(iii) Transport equipment	21.271
III	Fertilizers manufactured—	47.154
IV	Foreign Cotton	21.516
V	Non-ferrous Metals of which—	25.399
	(i) Copper	15.638
	(ii) Aluminium	7.041
	(iii) Tin	2.147
VI	Iron and Steel	14.114
VII	Petroleum Products	11.572
VIII	Chemical elements and Compounds	12.706
IX	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	7.489
	TOTAL OF ABOVE	910.884
	OTHER ITEMS	88.672
	GRAND TOTAL OF IMPORTS	999.556

RAW MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION TO SMALL INDUSTRY

919. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distribution of raw material to small industries in future would be entrusted to the State Governments instead of central agencies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) In the 15th meeting of the Coordination Committee on Small Industries held on 5th and 6th July, 1968, in New Delhi, a suggestion was made that possibilities should be examined of supply