

463 Written Answers [23 MAR. 1967]
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Monthly trends in India's Exports after Devaluation

Months	Exports (including re-exports)	1966	1965
		Rs. Lakhs	S Mill. Rs. Lakhs
June	75,28 100378	68,19 143'256	
July	76,66 102-213	61,89 130-021	
August	107,20 142-933	67,48 141-764	
September	97,41 129-880	70,77 148-677	
October	111,86 149-147	66,67 140063	
November	89,85 119-800	74,62 156-765	
December	104,53 139-373	72.73 152-794	
Grand total of Exports including re-exports	662,81 883-747	482,36 1013-361	

- Note:—1. Figures for 1965 related to predevaluation rupee.
2. \$Rs. 4.76 upto May. 1966 and to Rs. 7.50 thereafter.
3. Monthly figures may not add up to cumulative figures because of revision in the cumulative totals.]

ALUMINIUM FACTORY IN RATNAGIRI, MAHARASHTRA

*72. SHRI G. D. TAPSE: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West German experts have submitted their report on the location of an aluminium factory

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in the Public Sector at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made in the report; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendation is that for the proposed aluminium plant, Ratnagiri will be the most favourable location.

(c) Government had authorised M/s. Vereinigte Aluminium Werke of West Germany, to prepare a Project Report with Ratnagiri as location. The project Report has since been received and is under examination.

EXPORT OF ELECTRIC BULBS

*73. SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has started exporting electric bulbs; and

(b) if so, to which countries the Indian manufactured bulbs are being exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE* (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Countries to which Indian manufactured bulbs are exported

1. Fluorescent tube lamps—

Bahrain Island
Kenya
Nigeria
Sudan
Uganda

Ceylon
Iran
Malaysia/Malay Federation
Singapore
Vietnam South
Iraq
Qatar and Tr. Oman
U.K.
Aden
Nepal
Somalia
Tanzania
U.A.R.

2. *Mercury vapour lamps—*

Malaysia Malay Federation
Canada
Singapore

3. *Other sorts of discharge lamp (i.e. neons, argonglow lamps, sodium vapour lamps) —*

Australia
Afghanistan
Kuwait
Ceylon
Malaysia Malay Federation
Aden
Saudi Arabia
Canada
Bahrein Island
Sudan
Lebanon
Iran

4. *Bulbs for torches and miniature lamps, n.e.s.—*

Iraq
Nepal

5. *Gas filled electric bulbs—*

Kenya
Mauritus
Sudan
Tanganyika
Uganda
Nepal
Pakistan
Iraq
Kuwait
Muscat
Libya

Qatar and Tr. Oman
Ceylon

6. *Incandescent lamps—*

Malaysia/Malay Federation
Nepal
Thailand
Iraq
Jordan
Kuwait
Saudi Arabia
Turkey
Kenya
Sudan

7. *Other electric lamps —*

Kenya
Mauritus
Nigeria
Tanganyika
Ceylon
Nepal
Vietnam South
Bahrein Island
Kuwait
Malta Gozo

8. *Parts for fluorescent tube lamps, n.e.s.*

Kenya
Nigeria
Sudan
Ceylon
Malaysia/Malay Federation
Singapore
Vietnam South
Aden
Bahrein Island
Fiji Island
Iraq
Jordan
Qatar & Tr. Oman
Saudi Arabia
Tanganyika
Kuwait
German Federal Republic
Greece

9. *Other electric lamps parts, n.e.s. —*

Aden
Kenya
Sudan

Afghanistan
Ceylon
Thailand Bahrein
Island

PRODUCTION OF COTTON CLOTH

»74. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of cotton cloth in the country upto the end of December, 1966;

(b) the quantity exported upto the end of December, 1966 and the earnings therefrom; and

(c) what is the per capita availability for domestic consumption?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Total production of cotton cloth during the year, 1966, by cotton textile mills, Powerlooms and Handlooms is estimated at 7,336 million metres.

(b) The exports of cotton piece goods during the year, 1966, stood at 4276.4 lakhs square metres valued at Rs. 4940.5 lakhs.

(c) The *per capita* availability for the year 1966 is estimated at 13.77 metres.

OPENING OF SALEM-DHARMAPURI SECTION

*75. SHRI R. T. PARTHA-SARATHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state when the section between Salem and Dharmapuri on the newly laid Salem-Bangalore Railway line will be thrown open to passenger traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): No firm date has yet been fixed for the opening of this section to public traffic. A decision in this regard will be taken shortly.

FIRST CLASS COACHES

*76. SHRI NARINDAR SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which first class Railway coaches remain in use; and

(b) whether any proposal to provide more facilities in first class compartments, is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) While the anticipated life as stipulated in the Railway Codes is 30 years, it has been possible, in a few cases, to retain coaches for longer periods, depending on the wear and tear they suffered in service.

(b) Yes, Sir. A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

On experience gained with the earlier built I.C.F. First Class Coaches, the following further improvements are being incorporated in new builds, as additional amenities to passengers:

- (i) Wash basins in compartments of a limited number of coaches, to get service experience with this arrangement.
- (ii) A separate cubicle to serve as accommodation for attendants and to keep meal "thalis", a drinking water container and limited storage space for passengers' luggage.
- (iii) The clear space between the coach floor and the bottom of the lower berth is being increased slightly to facilitate storage of boxes and luggage.
- (iv) The bed-cum-back rests and seats to be of reduced thickness by using denser foam rubber so that with the bed