

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	Mill Rs Lakhs
June	75,28 100 378	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	66,67 140 063
November	89,85 119 800	74,62 156 765
December	104,53 139 373	72,73 152 794
Grand total of Exports incl re-exports	662,81 883 747	482,36 1013 361

Note —1 Figures for 1965 related to predevaluation rupee

2 \$Rs 476 upto May 1966 and to Rs 750 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

†[] English translation

to Questions 4644
 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 Vereignite 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. neon 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
Mauritius
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
Mauritius
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 PARTHASARATHY 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 ICF 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