

normal commercial practices and the estimate of loss is yet to be assessed.

An enquiry has been conducted by a senior officer of the Ministry of Steel and Mines and this officer's report is under examination.

#### TRADE RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY

183. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an appreciable increase in our trade relations with East Germany;

(b) whether there is any official trade agency in East Germany; and

(c) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, whether Government have considered the feasibility of having one such?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes Sir. The actual figures of trade are given below: —

	(Value in lakhs of rupees)			
	1961	1962	1963	1964
1. Imports into India	509	724	896	905
2. Exports from India	326	850	899	1300
3. Total Trade	835	1574	1795	2105

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

#### CZECH COLLABORATION IN INDUSTRIES

184. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Czech Government have agreed to offer collaboration to India in a big way;

(b) if so, the type of industries for which this help will be made available; and

(c) the places where these industries will be located?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) to (c) Under the Second Agreement on Economic Collaboration between the Governments of India and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic concluded in May 1964, it has been agreed provisionally that the following projects and programmes under the Department of Industry will be financed for the import of capital equipment and other supplies: —

	Location
(a) Expansion of the High Pressure Boiler Plant	Tiruchirappalli
(b) Expansion of the Heavy Power Equipment Plant	Ramachandrapuram
(c) Medium Heavy Machine Tool Factory	Bhavnagar
(d) Grinding Machine Tool Factory	Ajmer
(e) Foundry-forging	Wardha
(f) Tractors	Not decided

The Agreement also provides for the supply of jigs, tools and fixtures for the above projects and programmes and of components and sub-deliveries required for the production programme of some existing projects with Czechoslovak collaboration.