

Britain's application for membership of the European Economic Community the desirability of removal of tariff and quota restrictions on Indian exports in the Six countries of the European Common Market, to bridge the huge adverse balance of trade which India has with these countries, has constantly been brought to the notice of the Governments of the countries concerned. Those efforts are being continued.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION STUDY ON LOW BIRTH WEIGHT OF BABIES IN INDIA

*432. **SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR:** Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation made a study of the problem of low birth weights of babies in India; and

(b) if so, whether they have arrived at a conclusion that this is due to malnutrition of pregnant mothers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Health Organisation Expert Committee considered that a number of unfavourable factors such as malnutrition, infections, fatigue and over work, bad housing, frequent child bearing and inadequate educational and health facilities, which affected the health of the mothers, were responsible for low birth weights of babies.

TRADE WITH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM

*439. **SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the volume of trade between India and North Viet-Nam and India and South Viet-Nam during 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(b) what are the commodities that are being exchanged between India and those two countries?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The position of India's trade with North Viet-Nam and South Viet-Nam was as under:—

	(Value in lakhs of Rs.)	
	1960-61	1961-62
Imports from North Viet-Nam into India	0.01	0.06
Exports from India to North Viet-Nam	0.39	20.69
Imports from South Viet-Nam into India	0.04	0.12
Exports from India to South Viet-Nam	48.54	45.04

(b) The important commodities of export are jute bags, leather cloth, shellac, cotton piecegoods and jute and jute manufactures, internal combustion diesel and semi-diesel engines, sewing machines, linseed oil, shellac, textile fabrics etc. Imports have been very small.

PROGRESS OF KOYNA PROJECT

*440. **SHRI BABA SAHEB SAVNEKAR:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the state at which the Koyna Project would reach by March 1963;

(b) whether stage II of the said Project is progressing according to schedule;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount of loan sanctioned by World Bank for this Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a)