

WAR THAKUR): The information in respect of income tax is as under:-

Year	No. of tax evasion prosecutions proceedings launched.	No. of tax evasion convictions proceeding made.
1991-92	1234	63
1990-91	844	19
1989-90	595	23

The information in regard to excise duty and costumscvasion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

**State Repayment of Amount Deposited under National Savings Scheme**

9575. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the depositors, who had deposited their money under the National Savings Scheme during the year 1988-89, are being paid back only the principal amount and not the interest thereon;

(b) if so, the reasons thereon; and

(c) the time by which interest money is likely to be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Under the National Savings Scheme Rules 1987, withdrawal is permitted only once in a year, provided that the amount of such withdrawal shall not exceed the balance (inclusive of interest) at the end of the fourth preceeding financial year, less withdrawal, if any, already made.

**Export of Castor Oil**

9576. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy demand of Castor-oil abroad;

(b) whether production of this oil has increased during this year;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase its exports;

(d) the quantity of Castor-oil exported during the last year and the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(e) the target fixed for its export during the correct year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total world import of castor oil is around 2 lakh tonnes and with average price of \$ 1000 per tonne, the world market is around 200 million dollars. The market for derivatives is estimated around 1.5. to 2.5 million US dollars.

(b) The details of production of castor seeds and castor oil in India is given below.