

[English]

Expenditure on Air-conditioning

1759. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on air-conditioning in various departments of the Union Government during last three years;

(b) the annual expenditure incurred on the maintenance of air-conditioning plants and consumption of power at these place;

(c) whether Government propose to close these plants as a measure to curtail expenditure and save power; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Foreign Exchange earnings from Construction Contracts Abroad

1760. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange earned from the construction contracts abroad during the last two years, till date;

(b) the number of such contracts signed/undertaken by the Government and the number of contracts completed so far; and

(c) the time by which the remaining contracts are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). As reported by the Exim Bank of India 13 number of Overseas Civil Construction Contracts for a total value of Rs. 414 crores were secured by Indian companies both in public and private sectors between 1989-90 to April-December 1991-92.

All the Overseas Civil Construction Projects presently under execution are expected to be completed by June 1994 except those in Iraq where execution of projects had to be abandoned due to gulf crisis in August, 1990.

Import of Wheat

1761. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of wheat in the country at present and its production target during the current year;

(b) the details of food articles including wheat imported during each of the last three years and the current year, the quantity thereof and the foreign exchange spent thereon;

(c) the countries from where these were imported; and

(d) the reasons for import of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) These figures are not collected by CCI&E/Ministry of Commerce.

(b) to (d). Information about import of wheat was obtained from Ministry of Food. During 88-89 a quantity of 20.11 lakh tonnes