

(value in \$ million)

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>April - November</i>	
	<i>1991</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Project Goods	49.30	71.56
Profsnl Instrt, Optical Goods etc.	67.96	102.88
Other Commodities	65.37	134.78

Source : DGC & S, Calcutta.

Exchange Rate : April-November 1990-1 \$=Rs. 17.6067
April-November 1991-1 \$=Rs. 23.7546

Note : 0.00 denotes very small imports.
- denotes not separately indicated.

Privatisation of Tea Board

789. SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise Tea Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no proposal to privatise the Tea Board.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Issue of Special Irrigation Bonds

790. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received requests from several States for permission to raise money through issue of Special Irrigation Bonds to implement various on-going irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received and sanction given during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) whether the Government have also issued several such bonds for financial mobilisation for Central Projects during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Proposals have been received from Karnataka and Maharashtra for permission to float bonds for Irrigation Projects. The present scheme of Public Sector Bonds being confined to Central Public