

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Declaration of undisclosed income-reservations on validity of Ministry's Offer" appearing in the 'Economic Times', New Delhi, dated the 18th November, 1985 wherein it is reported that the assessee and legal experts have welcomed with reservations the offer of Union Finance Ministry to waive penalty on declaring their undisclosed income ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to give a legal shape to this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Board have issued necessary circulars in order to give effect to the T.V. Talk of the Finance Minister and the Press release.

#### Export of Jute of USSR.

4965. SHRI SANAT KUMAR  
MANDAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jute Corporation of India has secured its first order from the USSR this season for the export of 5000 tonnes of raw jute ;

(b) if so, the worth of the order ;

(c) the action taken by the JCI to procure the fibre in West Bengal ; and

(d) what machinery has been devised to ensure that only good quality of fibre is supplied and there is no complaint which might come in the way of the JCI in entering into such agreements in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI  
KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total value of the export order is Rs. 242.88 lakhs.

(c) and (d) There is a provision in the export contract for compulsory preshipment inspection. Besides, representative sample bales are sealed and tested by both buyers' and sellers' agents so as to ensure packing standard strictly conforming to soaled samples. These steps ensure that goods shipped are as per approved quality.

#### Decline in Foreign Exchange Reserves

4966. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's foreign exchange reserves excluding gold and special drawing rights, have declined in November, 1985 ;

(b) If so, to what extent ; and

(c) the details of foreign exchange reserves during last three years, yearwise and percentage-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) during the last three years were as under :—

Date	Amount (Rs. Crores)	Percentage change over previous period
1.4.82	3354.47	—
1.4.83	4265.26	+ 27.15
1.4.84	5497.85	+ 28.90
1.4.85	6816.78	+ 23.99

#### Collusion between Staff and Agents of National Small Savings Organisation, Delhi Region.

4967. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMED :  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state :