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**Expenditure Incurred by BIC Ltd.
Kanpur on Litigations**

3731. SHRI V. SREENIVASAPRASAD:
Will the TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the exact details of expenditures incurred by the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur during the last nine months on various litigations;

(b) the number of advocates engaged for the purpose and the number of cases they have been attending to before various courts; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb the increasing expenditure on litigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 1.29 lakhs has been incurred by the British India Corporation Limited (excluding New Egerton Woollen Branch, Dhariwal) on litigation during the period /June, '91 to February; 92.

(b) The BIC has engaged the services of 23 Lawyers for the purpose of attending to various cases. The information regarding number of cases of litigation in which the BIC is involved is being collected.

(c) The BIC is incurring expenditure on litigation only where it is unavoidable. However, it is making efforts to minimise the expenditure as far as possible..

Production of Tea

3732. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of tea in the country during 1989, 1990 and 1991;

(b) the total acreage of land under tea plantation during these three years;

(c) the acreage under tea plantation in Bihar during the last three years; and

(d) the additional investment in the tea plantation and industry during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total production of tea during 1989, 1990 and 1991 was as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production (M. kgs.)</i>
1989	688.11
1990	714.67(E)
1991	741.72 (E)
	(E) Estimated.

(b) The total acreage under tea during the last three years was as follow:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total area under tea (in thousand hectares)</i>
1989	416.59
1990	418.63 (E)
1991	421.27 (E)
	(E) Estimated.

(c) The acreage under tea in Bihar during the last three years was as follows:-