

(d) No, Sir.

1983

Rs. 5515.99 lakh

(e) Does not arise.

1984

Rs. 6448.96 ..

[*Translation*]

1985

Rs. 34083.14 .. (prov.)

**Benefit of handloom not received by weavers in Bihar**

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above

3676. SHRI SALAHUDDIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether it is a fact that benefit of handloom is being received by middle class persons and not by weavers in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : No such report has been received by the Government of India.

[*English*]**Voluntary Excise duty disclosure scheme**

3677. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State :

(a) Whether a Scheme of Voluntary Excise disclosure has been worked out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much leakage of Excise is estimated each year;

(d) whether this Scheme will be similar to Income Tax disclosure Scheme; and

(e) if so, how much collection is expected each year ?

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

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) It is not possible to give any estimate of the leakage of excise duty each year. However, the evasion of excise duty detected in the last three years are given below :-

**Planning Commission Report on Essential Supplies Programme**

3678. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission in its report on Essential Supplies Programme made recommendation for improving the efficiency and performance of the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, details of the action Plan suggested and the follow-up action taken thereon;

(c) whether these recommendations have improved the existing system; and

(d) if so, the details of the improved efficiency and the consumer satisfaction achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study made by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has revealed that the benefits of the Public Distribution System are reaching vulnerable sections of the population in an ample measure and thus the cardinal aim of adequately covering poorer sections of the population in rural areas is being adequately fulfilled. Details of the action plan suggested in the report are attached as statement. All the State Governments/Union Territories have been requested to take follow-up action with various recommendations of the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission Report.

(c) and (d) The primary responsibility for implementing the recommendations