

**Raids by Income tax, Customs and  
Excise department**

195. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :  
SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS  
MUNSI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of raids conducted by Income Tax/Customs and Excise Departments during the last two years;

(b) the number of people against whom action was taken for their involvement in economic offences and the total amount of black money recovered;

(c) the number of cases of evasion of customs and excise duty and under FERA detected during the same period; and

(d) the total amount Government have been able to recover indicating the number of persons put behind the bars ?

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

[English]

**Strengthening of Public Distribution  
System in rural areas**

197. SHRI B. V. DESAI :  
SHRI SRIHARI RAO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had suggested that the Public Distribution System be strengthened in the rural areas;

(b) whether he has pointed out that burgeoning food stocks have failed to provide food security to the vast mass of the poor, particularly in the rural areas; and

(c) to what extent Government have implemented the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The Prime Minister has been emphasising that the public distribution system should be strengthened, specially in the rural areas. In this context, Central Government has advised all the States/Union Territories to open additional fair price shops in the rural areas and organise mobile fair price shops in far-flung and inaccessible areas to provide easy physical access to consumers; supply of ration card to every family; make adequate provision and improvement of infrastructural facilities such as storage and transportation; develop proper monitoring system at State, district and block levels; set up consumers' advisory committees upto fair price shop level; draw up schedule for training of employees engaged in Public Distribution System work; tightening of inspection and enforcement measures; and for developing a system of effective coordination among various agencies engaged in the task of public distribution system.

(c) The Central Government have announced a scheme on 19th November, 1985 to provide wheat and rice at highly subsidised rates to the people living in Integrated Tribal Development project areas. The entire States and Union Territories of Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Lakshadweep and Dadra & Nagar Haveli are also covered under the scheme. The scheme is under implementation.

[Translation]

**Evaluation of work of officers of  
Nationalised Banks**

198. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have instructed nationalised banks to undertake evaluation of work of their officers who have passed the age of 50 years and compulsorily retire those who are found wanting;

(b) whether any other measures have also been taken to curb staff dereliction of duty and poor service to customers in bank