

(b) The domestic production of gold during the last three financial years is :

1984-85	2036 Kgs.
1985-86	1874 Kgs.
1986-87	1810 Kgs.

The standard gold issued by the Mint as recycled gold during the last three financial years is :

1984-85	17117 Kgs.
1985-86	18574 Kgs.
1986-87	14557 Kgs.

(c) In view of the position as at (a) above, the question does not arise.

Assessment of Badla Financing Following Dave Committee Report

1241. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether following the Dave Committee Report, which did not allow the carry-forward transactions, Government have made any assessment of 'badla' financing and the role played by the 'badlawallahas' in the process of carry forward transactions, by holding their commitments for them; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring an end to the 'badla' or contango system of financing stock market transactions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, the question does not arise.

Diseases Affecting Cardamom in Karnataka

1242. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cardamom in Kodagu (Karnatka) has been affected by a disease called KATTE ROGA;

(b) if so, the fall in the production during the year 1986; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the crop ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fall in production exclusively on account of this disease has not been estimated.

(c) Steps to protect the crop from this disease include Extension Advisory Services, removal of 'Katte' affected plants and replantation through payment of subsidy etc.

Import of Cotton to Fabricate Banians

1243. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to import cotton for spinning yarn to fabricate banians;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof; and

(c) whether it is adequate to meet the requirements ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHANA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-Plan Expenditure by States

1244. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are keeping track of non-plan expenditure of State Governments; and

(b) if so, which State Government has spent the maximum amount as non-plan expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) : (a) The non-plan expenditure of State Government is reviewed