

429.5 crores to Rs. 6679.8 crores as at the end of July, 1985.

Accruals in the country's Foreign Exchange Reserves result from all foreign transactions including remittances from Indians abroad. Analysis of receipts on different accounts for this period is not readily available. The steps taken to attract flow of funds to India are reviewed from time to time and appropriate remedial measures are adopted as and when considered necessary.

[*Translation*]

Covering budgetary deficit by improved Tax collection

1822. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to cover the budgetary deficit essentially by improved tax collection; and

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken so far and the result achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The Government is quite earnest in improving tax collection and thus covering the budgetary deficit at least partially.

(b) The important measures taken so far for improved tax collection are :

- (i) ensuring better tax compliance;
- (ii) curbing evasion/avoidance/smuggling;
- (iii) realisation of arrears of taxes;
- (iv) taking prompt action on court decisions in Department's favour for collecting taxes;
- (v) expediting finalisation of court cases blocking revenue to the Government;
- (vi) diversion of staff so as to enable

concentrated attention to be given to cases involving high revenue, etc.

[*English*]

Distribution of Money by NABARD to Darjeeling Tea Growers

1824. SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Darjeeling tea which is a good foreign exchange earner is facing serious difficulties because of low productivity ;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of proposed Rs. 40 crores outlay for the rejuvenation of tea gardens of Darjeeling, only, Rs. 32 lakhs have so far been distributed by the NABARD ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to revitalise this industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) (a) to (c) The tea industry in Deajeeling has been be-set by a number of problems because of topography and agro-climatic factors. The Darjeeling tea industry has lower productivity because most of the tea bushes in the area are very old and are well past the prime of their productivity. In order to revitalise the industry, an interest subsidy scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 43 crores over a 10 year period has been sanctioned by the Government. So far 29 schemes involving bank finance of over Rs. 7 crores have been sanctioned by NABARD. Initial disbursement by Commercial banks is of the order of Rs. 35.60 lakhs.

[*Translation*]

Proposal to Establish Headquarters of Coal and Mines Department in Bihar

1825. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDHEY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the maximum quantity