

Popularity of Indian shirts in foreign countries

3654. SHRI SARAT KAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian shirts are very popular in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of importing countries;

(c) the quality of shirts exported to each country during the last two years; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main importing countries are USA, West Germany, UK, USSR, Netherlands, Italy, France, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland and Australia.

(c) The main quality of shirts exported to the above countries during the last two years are handloom crepe shirts, handloom 60/40 Gada shirts and millmade cotton shirts, both woven and knitted.

(d) The amount of foreign exchange earned during 1976 and 1977 against exports of shirts was Rs. 60.64 crores and Rs. 102.00 crores respectively.

Review regarding cadre strength of Income-tax Inspectors in Income-tax Department

3655. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6911 on the 14th April, 1978 regarding total number of Income-tax Officers and Income-tax Inspectors and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Government Agency has reviewed the Cadre strength of the Income-tax Inspectors in the Income-tax Department more than once recently and recommended augmentation of Inspectors strength by about 1000 posts; and

(b) if so, when the posts are being sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Agency recommended augmentation of Inspectors' strength by 775 posts.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

World Bank aided Projects in operation, State-wise

3656. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR N. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number and names of the World Bank aided projects in operation State-wise along with assistance utilised for the last three years; total World Bank aid received year-wise, State-wise under various development programme by its standard classification for the last three years;

(b) whether the World Bank Missions have made various observations regarding planning, execution and monitoring aspects of the programme aided by the World Bank and if so, summary thereof and action taken therein; and

(c) whether it is a fact that World Bank President during his recent visit to India had shown keen interest in financing various development projects—brief outcome of his visit and follow up action sector-wise/State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Statements are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3072/78].