

they cannot be transferred/absorbed at other sites.

(c) No, Sir.

**Target for Tea Production during 1980-81**

5573. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target of tea production in the year 1980-81;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to meet the growing domestic demand and retain the share in the world market; and

(c) the percentage of India's share of world tea market?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The target for tea production in the year 1980-81 is 585 m. kgs.

(b) In order to meet the growing domestic demand as also to generate sufficient exportable surplus, measures to increase production through intensive cropping practices and by extension planting have been taken. Tea Board operates various incentive schemes to provide financial assistance to tea gardens for this purpose. It is also proposed to bring new areas under tea cultivation in non-traditional States/Union Territories. Steps taken to increase exports include abolition of export duty, reintroduction of the system of refund of additional excise duty on packet tea exports, allowing import of tea bagging machinery under OGL, reduction in import duty on tea

bagging machinery and enhancement in the rate of Cash Compensatory Support. In addition, Tea Board's offices abroad continue to undertake various promotional measures for our tea exports.

(c) The average percentage of India's share in the export market for five years ending 1978 is approximately 28%.

**Foreign Money Transaction by a Catholic Priest in Goa**

5574. SHRI V. N. GADGIL:

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enforcement Authorities have unearthed unlawful foreign money transaction by Fr. Protasia Soaves, a Catholic Priest from Goa, amounting to 60 lakhs of rupees;

(b) what is the source of this huge amount;

(c) whether he has been indulging in anti-national activities; and

(d) whether the money has been used for such activities particularly in the North Eastern region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b) Fr. Protasio Soares, a Catholic Priest, who was then attached to a Society at Pilar, Goa (popularly known as "Pilar Society"), visited U.S.A. twice between 1954 and 1959, for collection of funds for the Society. Out of the funds collected, Fr. Soares was alleged to have secreted away some amounts