

(e) According to latest DGCI&S figures of exports of Indian garments to Japan for the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)		
1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
383	599	1661

(f) The Apparels Export Promotion Council which coordinates efforts to step up exports of garments from India to other countries organises participation in international fairs and exhibitions and also conducts market studies etc. Further, cash compensatory support, replenishment licences, and duty drawback are available to the exporters of garments at prescribed rates.

Cotton purchased by Cotton Corporation of India

3700. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the total amount of Cotton purchased by Cotton Corporation of India during the last season;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is excess of cotton than the demand from the Textile Industry in India;

(c) whether Government propose to export cotton; and

(d) if so, of what variety, to which countries and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL & MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India have purchased 11.11 lakh bales of domestic cotton during the last season 1979-80 (Sept.—Aug.)

(b) According to the present indications, the production of cotton is expected to match the estimated level of domestic demand.

(c) and (d). During the current season (which commenced in Sept. 1980) Government have so far allowed 3.50 lakh bales of raw cotton for export. The question of further exports will be considered depending upon the surplus available, after meeting the domestic requirements. Except Suvin of extra long staple variety all other varieties are permitted to be exported. There are also no restrictions about the countries to which raw cotton can be exported, apart from what has been stipulated in the Export Policy.

शीरे और अलकोहल का निर्यात

3701. श्री राम प्यारे एनिका: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार शीरे और अलकोहल का निर्यात न करने के एक प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस तारीख से और तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं; और

(ग) इन्हें किन कार्यों में प्रयोग किया जायेगा?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरजीव गालम लां) (क) से (ग): जी हां। मांग तथा पूर्ति स्थिति के हाल ही के पुनरीक्षण से पता चला है कि अलकोहल/सीरा वर्ष 1980-81 (नवम्बर, 1980 से अक्टूबर, 1981 तक) के दौरान निर्यात के लिए कोई अधिशेष उपलब्ध नहीं होगा। आशा है कि समस्त उत्पादन का उपयोग स्वदेशी आवश्यकताओं के लिए किया जाएगा।

Income-Tax Arrears against Companies in Private Sector

3702. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are huge income-tax arrears against the companies in the private sector;