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9.	श्री नागेन्द्र प्रसाद, कार्यालय चपरासी	बाघ मझाना, भोजपूर, बिहार	1-11-81
10.	श्री अशोक ठाकुर, कार्यालय चपरासी	जवीन फुलवड़िया, जिला भोजपुर, बिहार	1-11-81

Foreign Exchange Reserves Position

(Rs. crores)

7436. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange earned from export from 1977 till date; and

(b) the foreign exchange spent on account of different issues till date; and

(c) the estimated foreign exchange to be earned and spent in the remaining period of the Sixth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The foreign exchange earned from merchandise exports since 1977-78 is as follows :

(Rs. crores)

Year	Amount
1977-78	5404.3
1978-79	5726.3
1979-80	6458.8
1980-81	6710.7
1981-82	7801.8
1982-83	6118.4
(April-Dec.)	

The figures for 1981-82 and 1982-83 are provisional.

(b) The foreign exchange spent on account of imports and non-merchandies payments since 1977-78 is as follows :

Year	Imports	Non-Merchandise Transactions
1977-78	6025.3	964.5
1978-79	6814.3	1132.5
1979-80	9142.6	1414.1
1980-81	12560.3	1579.6
1981-82	13638.4	2092.45
1982-83	10178.3	1550.90
(April-Dec.)		

The figures for 1981-82 and 1982-83 are provisional.

(c) Estimates of foreign exchange to be earned and spent in the remaining period of the Sixth Plan would be dependent upon many factors, both external and internal, and would be based on hypotheses and assumptions which may or may not hold over an extended period of time of two years.

Borrowings By Public Undertakings

7437. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the Central Government have urgently asked the Central Public Sector Undertakings to pay off their loans to the Central Government;

(b) is it also a fact that the Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to borrow from the public for that, and some of them are borrowing at a rate of interest higher than that offered by the