

is no proposal under the consideration of Government to issue fresh rules to prescribe the limit for mixing chickory in coffee powder.

Export of Sweet Water

7492. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what decision has since been taken on the proposal of Japanese firm to export sweet water from India to West Asian Countries in empty oil tankers on their return journey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : The drinking water supply position in the major port towns at present does not warrant any consideration of proposals for export of drinking water currently.

Sugar Export

7493. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar exports this year are proposed to be comparatively higher than the last years by about 30 per cent ; and

(b) through which agencies exports are proposed to be canalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) India has been allocated a quota of 6.50 lakh tonnes of white sugar during 1983 by International Sugar Organisation. The quota was the same in 1982. Actual exports will depend on international prices and demand.

(b) The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. is the canalising agency for export of sugar.

Deficit Provided In States' Budget

7494. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be

pleased to state :

(a) what is the total estimated deficit provided in the various State's Budgets for the year 1983-84;

(b) what provision has been made for meeting the deficit to ensure that the prices do not rise and there is no depletion in the reserves; and

(c) whether Government have issued any directions to State Government in this regard; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Alleged Smuggling By Some Close Person Of A Minister

7495. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN :

SHRI HARISH KUMAR GANGAWAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons who were close to a Union Minister of State were recently arrested by customs at Delhi Airport while trying to smuggle in contraband valued at Rs. 1,65,000 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these arrested persons visited several times foreign countries ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to (d) In the absence of a detailed particulars,