

(b) if so, whether any meeting of the UNCTED was called recently ;

(c) if so, the subjects discussed ; and

(d) to what extent, it will benefit India and developing nations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) to (d) International Development Decade Strategy (IDS) for the Third U. N. Development Decade, provides for review and appraisal of the IDS. A meeting of a high Level Inter-Governmental Group of Officials on the review and Appraisal of the IDS, at the sectoral level relating to UNCTED, was held from the 30th January to the 10th February, 1984. At the meeting the developing countries put forward specific proposals for adjusting the policy measures to ensure timely and effective implementation of the IDS. The negotiations remained inconclusive and are expected to be continued during the Thirteenth Special Session of the Trade and Development Board. To the extent appropriate measures are taken and goals and objectives of IDS are fulfilled, all developing countries including India would benefit.

सेंट्रल फाइनेंस डिपॉ, छिप्रोकी, इलाहाबाद में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के उम्मीदवारों के रूप में फर्जी व्यक्तियों की नियुक्ति

4574. श्री दया राम शाष्य : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अप्रैल, 1979 में सेंट्रल फाइनेंस डिपॉ, छिप्रोकी, इलाहाबाद में अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए रिक्त 51 पदों पर भर्ती की गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के वास्तविक

उम्मीदवारों की भर्ती किए जाने के बजाए, इन जातियों के फर्जी व्यक्तियों की नियुक्ति की गई थी ;

(ग) क्या कुछ जाली प्रमाणपत्र भी पकड़े गए हैं और यदि हां, तो जिला मजिस्ट्रेट, इलाहाबाद द्वारा कितने प्रणाम पत्रों को जाली घोषित किया गया है ; और

(घ) इन मामले में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यथासमय सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

#### Decrease in Share of Agricultural Exports

4575. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of agricultural exports in India's total exports, as well as in world agricultural exports in 1982-83, had declined from that of 1968-69.

(b) if so, the details regarding the extent of decline ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to upgrade these exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b) As illustrated below, our aggregate exports as well as agricultural exports have increased considerably, in *absolute* terms, though their percentage has declined :

(Rs. crores)

Year	India's total exports	India's agricultural exports	Percentage of agricultural exports to total exports
1968-69	1358	445	32.8%
1982-83	8834	2325	26.30%

“Our share in the world agricultural exports was less than 1% in 1973. It rose to 1.3% in 1975 but declined to just under 1% in recent years.

(c) An exercise has been undertaken by Government with a view to evolving a suitable package of incentives and assistance to boost export of agricultural and agro-based products. It is proposed to identify a list of selected commodities or products which will be given special attention.

**Excise Duty Collection**

4576. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that excise duty collections during 1983-84 are likely to fall far short of the targets contemplated in this regard ;

(b) if so, the total excise duty collections till the end of December, 1983 and the estimate of total collections during that year and how far it is likely to fall short of the target ; and

(c) the total accumulated arrears of excise collections as on March, 1983 and December, 1983 and the main reasons for such accumulation of arrears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) Excise duty collections during 1983-84 are not likely to fall far short of the budget estimates.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Shortfall in Customs Collection**

4577. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether looking to the customs collections for the first seven months i.e. April to October, 1983, the actual collections during this financial year are likely to fall too short of the target for the second year ;

(b) if so, the estimated extent of shortfall ; and

(c) the main reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) The actual collections of Net Customs Revenue for the financial year 1982-83 were Rs. 5045.18 crores as against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 4996.60. There was therefore no shortfall.

On the basis of the collections of Net Customs Revenue during April to October, 1983, the actual collections in 1983-84 are not likely to fall too short of the target.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**More Channelling Agencies to Promote Export of Agricultural and Products**

4578. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more channelling agencies on the pattern of State Trading Corporation are proposed to be set up to promote export of various agricultural and other food products, including marine products ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and