

(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