

(b) if so, whether any simplification in them have been devised so that Income Tax Officers can pay more attention to big assesseees and tax evaders than on assesseees with income of less than Rs. 50,000 per year ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) With a view to speed up the disposal of income tax assessments with the manpower available, instructions have recently been issued that salary cases with returned income upto Rs. 50,000/- and non-salary cases with returned income upto Rs. 25,000/-, subject to certain exceptions, - be completed without any checking of any sort.

Tiger Skin Racket

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

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item appeared in the "Times of India" of 27th May, 1984 regarding million dollar tiger skin racket ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into this racket ; and

(d) if so, action taken, if any, thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to under news-item in the "Times of India" of 27th May, 1984 under the caption "Million Dollar Tiger Skin Racket".

(c) and (d) The matter is being investigated by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence. It will not be in the interests of effective investigation to disclose further details at this stage.

होप टेक्सटाइल मिल, इन्दौर, मध्य प्रदेश को पुनः चालू करना

975. श्री सत्यनारायण जटिया : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) होप टेक्सटाइल मिल्स, इन्दौर, मध्य प्रदेश को पुनः चालू करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं और यह कब से बन्द पड़ी है ; और

(ख) इसके परिणाम स्वरूप कितने श्रमिक प्रभावित हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लस्कर) : (क) और (ख) होप टेक्सटाइल मिल्स, इन्दौर, जिसकी नामावली में 2636 कामगार थे। 16 जून, 1983 से बन्द पड़ी रही है। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से वित्तीय संस्थाओं के साथ परामर्श करके मिलों को पुनः खोलने के प्रयास करने के लिये अनुरोध किया गया है।

Loans Advanced by Nationalised Banks to Agriculturists

976. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of loans advanced by nationalised banks to agriculturists in 1983-84, State-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POJARY) : According to provisional estimates, total amount outstanding of Public Sector Banks in respect of Agriculture Sector stood at Rs. 5591 crores as at the end of September, 1983. Statewise details are available as at the end of December 1982 and are set out in the attached statement.