

(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 loss 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.

Statement.

Statewise outstanding advances to Agriculture by Public Sector Banks
(as at the end of 1982)

(Amt in Rs. Lakhs)

State/Union Territory	Direct	Indirect
I. NORTHERN REGION	79060.81	25108.51
1. Haryana	19103.71	2535.27
2. Himanchal Pradesh	1899.37	897.44
3. Jammu & Kashmir	857.92	306.82
4. Punjab	36150.57	5787.56
5. Rajasthan	15929.95	4891.49
6. Chandigarh	3747.43	8583.06
7. Delhi	1371.86	2106.87
II. NORTH-EASTERN REGION	2263.79	1233.01
1. Assam	1310.55	1011.48
2. Meghalaya	221.57	10.20
3. Manipur	90.92	68.99
4. Nagaland	155.02	38.79
5. Sikkim	18.00	—
6. Tripura	425.95	103.55
7. Arunachal Pradesh	21.13	—
8. Mizoram	20.55	—
III. EASTERN REGION	40234.25	17320.85
1. Bihar	16157.53	9690.23
2. Orissa	9352.90	2911.81
3. West Bengal	14700.88	4652.62
4. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22.94	66.69
IV. CENTRAL REGION	66673.37	22978.23
1. Madhya Pradesh	20507.17	5788.12
2. Uttar Pradesh	46166.20	17190.11

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V. WESTERN REGION		57334.03	22446.76
1. Gujarat		20859.71	10890.83
2. Maharashtra		35025.72	11530.51
3. Goa, Daman & Diu		1448.60	25.42
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli		8.00	—
VI. SOUTHERN REGION		149857.03	26001.80
1. Andhra Pradesh		57601.29	9919.86
2. Karnataka		32518.24	6763.07
3. Kerala		18196.97	1263.96
4. Tamil Nadu		40052.53	8022.20
5. Pondicherry		1483.83	32.69
6. Lakshadweep		4.17	—
GRAND TOTAL		395423.28	115809.16

Trade Turn-over with USA and UK

Visit of Indian Defence Team to USSR

977. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the amount of trade turn-over with U.S.A. and U.K. during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : The year-wise figures of India's total trade turn-over (exports+imports) with the USA and the UK during the last 3 years are as follows:-

TOTAL TRADE TURN-OVER

Year	(Rs. crores)	
	United States	United Kingdom
1980-81	2258.01	1124.52
1981-82	2339.92*	1236.85*
1982-83**	2320.91*	1342.74*

(Provisional)

*Do not include export of crude oil from India.

**Provisional and subject to revision.

978. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :
SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN :
SHRI K. MALLANNA :
SHRI ARJUN SETHI :
SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT ;
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times; of July 2nd, 1984 wherein it has been stated that a High level Indian Defence Team has gone to USSR;

(b) if so, the constitution of the team;

(c) the nature of talks held with the USSR leaders ;

(d) the object of their visit; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) The news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of July 2nd; 1984 had come to the attention of the Government. A delegation of Hindustan