

The information relating to Calcutta is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as the same is available.

(b) Number of persons against whom action was taken in this connection is as under:—

City	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Bombay .	43	58	62
Madras .	18	34	21
Delhi .	50	65	40

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#### Functions of Export Councils

2566. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of export councils functioning in the country and their main functions;

(b) whether there is any Governmental control over the functioning of these councils;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to have a control over the functioning of these councils; and

(d) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) There are 17 Export Promotion Councils functioning in the country. Their main functions are:—

(i) Assisting product development.

(ii) Undertaking market studies in individual foreign countries.

(iii) furnishing foreign market intelligence.

(iv) Maintaining information about the capacity, production, product range and export worthiness of members.

(v) General publicity.

(vi) Sending out delegations, study cum-sales teams and inviting foreign delegations.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is Governmental control over the functioning of these councils.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### Export of Sugar

2567. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugar exported to foreign countries during the years 1972 and 1973 and the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof; and

(b) the quantity of sugar proposed to be exported during the year 1974 and the names of countries to which it would be exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) 98, 827 tonnes of sugar valued at Rs. 12.50 crores was exported to foreign countries in 1972 and 195,042 tonnes valued at Rs. 42.21 crores was exported in 1973.

(b) A substantial quantity is expected to be exported depending upon supply, demand, and market conditions. Some of the countries to which sugar has been exported are the U.K., the U.S.A., several countries of the West Asia, Sri Lanka and Maldives.