

Export of Selected Industrial, Traditional and Non-traditional Goods

**4018. SHRI P. GANGADEB;
SRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL
BHATIA:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has undertaken a study of a programme for boosting export of selected industrial and traditional and non-traditional goods;

(b) whether an informal special group of Secretaries have been constituted to push up the scheme; and

(c) whether Government have given up the idea of having an export cell in each Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The idea of having an export cell in each Ministry is still under consideration.

Visit by Marine Products Export Development Authority to Japan

**4019. SHRI N. R. VEKARIA,
SHRI D. P. JADEJA:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four-man delegation of the Marine Products Export Development Authority visited Japan during the year 1973-74 and held discussions with the importers of marine products in Japan;

(b) whether in view of the discussions the export of marine products to that country would increase substantially; and

(c) if so, the quantity which is likely to be exported during the year 1974-75?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI

A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) It is expected that 25,000 tonnes of marine products will be exported to Japan during 1974-75.

Tightening of Credit Squeeze

**4020. SHRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL
BHATIA:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to further tighten credit squeeze;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken into account the impact of credit squeeze last season;

(c) whether Government have made any study of the impact of expansion of credit to private sector on prices vis-a-vis similar impact of expansion of credit to public sector; and

(d) if so, outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):

(a) to (d). Since May 1973, the accent of the credit policy measures formulated by Reserve Bank has all along been on dampening the inflationary forces. The economic situation is kept under constant review with a view to formulating such specific measures as may be called for. In formulating these measures, due account is taken of the effect that measures in the past may have had. Inflation being a phenomenon which can be tackled only by a multi-pronged attack, it would be too much to expect that any one single set of measures—say in the credit field alone—would succeed in achieving the desired effect of arresting the price rise. Concerted efforts on several fronts—monetary, fiscal, production and distribution—can alone relieve the situation and this is what is being attempted currently.

Uneconomic Tea Estates in West Bengal

4021. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether uneconomic tea estates are increasing in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to re-vitalise these tea gardens?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Government have no information to the fact that uneconomic tea estates are increasing in West Bengal

(b) Does not arise.

Encouraging Production of Silk in Fifth Five Year Plan

4022. PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR,

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to encourage the production of silk in the Fifth Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken and the provisions made in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government to increase its production.—

(a) A provision of Rs 33 65 crores has been envisaged for achieving the V Plant targets as per details given below—

	(Rs. in crore)
(i) Central Projects	8.00
(ii) State's Schemes	25.65
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(b) A crash programme will be intensively pursued in Karnataka State for reaching a target of production of 35 lakh kg. of raw silk in the course of 10 years. This envisages sinking of 14,385 wells at a cost of Rs 10 7 crores and providing other amenities to the rearers etc.

(c) Jammu and Kashmir State will reorganise its cropping pattern and go in for large scale mulberry plantations. The State has set a target of production of 1.50 lakh kg. of mulberry silk.

(d) West Bengal will go in for large scale expansion to a tune of about 2500 acres in Bankura and Birbhum areas where potential exists for introduction of sericulture

(e) A Corporation will be set up by State Government in Manipur State for production of oak tasar silk.

(f) Projects for production of oak tasar will also be started in Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh

(g) A boost will be given to the Research Institutions so that the flow of research might be intensified

(h) The bivoltine rearing will be popularised in West Bengal and Karnataka States. A scheme for production of 800 tons of bivoltine silk under FAO programme will be taken up during Fifth Five Year Plan.

Pending Cases for Income Tax Assessment

4023 SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Income-tax assessment cases pending in the country on the 1st April, 1974; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for early settlement of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K R GANESH): (a) The number of income tax assessment cases pending in the country as on 1st April, 1974 was 17,19,597.

(b) A time bound 'Action Plan' has been formulated to ensure expeditious