

from the British owned companies in West Bengal ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government are, however, not aware of any tendency on the part of British firms to transfer their assets from West Bengal.

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

Amendment of Sales Tax Act in Delhi

5402. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to amend the Sales Tax Act in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) and (b). A proposal is under the consideration of the Delhi Administration to replace the existing sales tax law applicable in Delhi by a new enactment. Under section 22 (1) (a) of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966, the Metropolitan Council has the right to discuss and make recommendations in regard to such proposals. No concrete proposal, finally approved by the Council has so far come to the Government of India.

Cost Accounts Officers in Deputation to Public Undertakings

5403. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(b) whether there has been a growing feeling among the Cost Accounts Staff that they are not being paid well as compared to their counterparts in the Private Undertakings ; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI). (a) Four officers are on deputation.

(b) and (c). It would not be appropriate to make comparisons limited to pay scales alone between service in Government Departments and in private undertakings. There are other factors which have also to be taken into consideration when assessing the need or otherwise for any revision of pay scales in Government Departments.

राजस्थान को अकाल सहायता कार्यों के लिए विदेशी सहायता

5404. श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अन्य देशों ने राजस्थान में अकाल सहायता कार्यों के लिए सहायता दी है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) उन्होंने किस प्रकार की सहायता दी है ?

उप-प्रधान मन्त्री तथा वित्त मन्त्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) : (क) से (ग). राजस्थान के सूखा सम्बन्धी सहायता कार्यों के लिए किसी भी देश से सीधी मदद नहीं मिली है। लेकिन भारत सहायता अभियान (आस्ट्रेलिया) और सर्व-स्थानिक अमरीकी प्रेषण सहकारी संस्था (केयर) (संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका) नामक दो स्वयंसेवी संगठनों ने सूखा-पीड़ित लोगों में बांटे जाने के लिए कुछ अन्न और दूध का पाउडर दिया है।

व्यापारियों द्वारा वस्तुओं का आयात

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