

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4783
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
PURCHASE OF OPIUM
SRICHAND KRIPALANI

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to purchase bud and dust (Doda-Churra) of opium directly from the farmers; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) No, Sir. Purchase of bud and dust (Doda-Churra) is regulated by State Government and Central Government has no proposal to buy Doda -Churra directly from farmers.
- (b) Does not arise.