

Year	Amount
1	2
1988-89	Rs. 85,56,355/-
1989-90	Rs. 2,46.73,401/-

As on April 6, 1990 about 100 programmes has been produced at Central Production centre since its inception in different formats and on various themes including music and dances. The programmes produced at Central Production Centre have been generally well received by the viewers. A study conducted by the Audience Research Wing of Doordarshan on the New Year's Eve Programme produced in the Central Production Centre indicated that the viewers has well responded to it. Critical appreciation of the day-to-day programmes produced and telecast by the Central Production Centre, Doordarshan is a continuous process and is an integral part of the system. However, no specific system appraisal of the working of Central Production Centre has been made so far.

Staff members of Central Production Centre are sent for training periodically to various training centres like FTII, Pune, and abroad. Several courses have been held both in the area of programming and in equipment familiarisation. Courses have been held in the Central Production Centre on Computer Graphics, operational course of BETACAM, Computerised Post Production, CD Switcher, etc. Senior Technicians/Technicians at the Centre are given training at Staff Training Institute (Technical), Delhi from time to time. Newly recruited Engineering Assistants, and Senior Engineering Assistants on promotion, are also given orientation training at the same Institute.

Private Finance Houses

8359. SHRI R.N. RAKESH: Will the

Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of private finance houses in the country and particularly in Delhi provide loan to poor people for the purchase of commercial vehicles at a very high rate of interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c). Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the 'Hire-Purchase Finance Companies' which carry on business of hire-purchase transactions or the financing of such transactions. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that for financing of vehicles, the Hire-Purchase Finance Companies usually charge interest at flat rates basis where the interest charges are calculated on the basis of the entire amount for the full period of advances.

Only one facet of their activity, namely, the acceptance of deposits from public, is regulated by the RBI through Non-Banking Financial Companies (Reserve bank) Directions, 1977. These directions, inter-alia, provide for the maximum/minimum period of deposits, the rate of interest payable on deposits, etc.

Purchase of Colour Televisions, VCRs/ VCPs By Government Servants

8360. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sections of the Government employees have demanded loan facilities at easy rates of interest for the

purchase of colour Televisions, VCRs/VCPs etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government servants are eligible to purchase the confiscated colour Televisions, VCPs/VCRs lying with Customs Houses at subsidised rates; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). Some proposals for grant of advance for the purchase of Television sets have been received in the past but were not found feasible to accept.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Soap

8361. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minis-

ter of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector/private sector units which export soaps, State-wise;

(b) the quantity exported during the last year, country-wise; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) to (c). According to provisional data compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI & S), a quantity of about 167 lakh kg. of scap valued at about Rs. 21.24 crores was exported during the year 1989-90. Details of country-wise exports are given in the statement below.

Details of exports are not, however, maintained unit-wise and state-wise by the DGCI & S.

STATEMENT

Statement showing country-wise figures of soaps exported during 1989-90

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Country</i>	<i>Quantity in Kg.</i>	<i>Value in Rs.</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
1.	Mali	11,250	4,12,500
2.	Canada	261	14,450
3.	USA	10,802	4,14,668
4.	Austria	2,100	88,200
5.	Malaysia	38,441	14,20,333
6.	Nepal	40,892	11,33,935
7.	Singapore	39,23,976	2,70,89,250