

Tax evasion by builders of Bombay

***242. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :**
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints against certain builders of Bombay involved in income tax evasion of about rupees twenty crores were received by the Commissioner of Income Tax, Central-II, Bombay in July, 1984; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken to investigate these complaints and what was the outcome of these investigations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). On the basis of information received, a search was conducted in the cases of Om Prakash Navani Group in February, 1985. For detailed and co-ordinated investigation the cases were centralised at Bombay. Substantial additions as under have been made in some cases :

Asstt. year	Returned loss Rs.	Assessed Income Rs.	Date of order
(1) O. P. Navani 1980-81 (—)	1,17,130	58,29,177	27.3.86
1981-82 (—)	1,12,610	64,93,490	31.3.86
1982-83 (—)	7,64,710	20,88,485	9.10.85
Assessment year	Additions made	Date of order	
(2) M/s West Coast Builders Pvt. Ltd.	1983-84	1.64 crores	27.3.86
(3) Crescent Builders Pvt. Ltd.	1981-82	11 lakhs.	

Provisional attachment of properties u/s 281B has been made. 186 prosecution complaints have been filed in the cases of this group.

Export of Permal Rice to Soviet Union

***243. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA
DR. V. VENKATESH :**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the reports appearing in the "Statesman" of Delhi dated 5 and 6 July, 1986 that instead of basmati rice, parmal rice is being exported to the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether quality control by Government agencies would be compulsorily introduced to prevent such transactions; and

(d) whether enquiry would be held into the financial transactions behind such exports and the beneficiaries of these transactions identified ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has not received any complaint from the buyers in USSR in regard to the quality of basmati rice exported from India.