

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

**Tax Evasion through Sale of Goods
in Weekly Bazars in Delhi**

*396. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people sell goods in Weekly Bazars held in different Colonies in Delhi on week days for few hours towards the evening, thereby earning quite a substantial amount on a regular basis ;
- (b) has a survey been ever carried out as to how much tax evasion is taking place by these people as also by the wholesalers from whom they buy these goods as the entire process is unaccounted for ;
- (c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ; and
- (d) action taken, if any, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA) :

(a) The Government are aware that number of people sell goods in Weekly Bazars held in different Colonies in Delhi on week days for few hours towards the evening. The articles sold in these weekly bazars are generally of common use and normally low priced. The normal customers are of lower middle class and poor people. Therefore, it is not likely for the vendors to be earning quite substantial amount on a regular basis.

(b) to (d). No survey has been carried out so far. In view of the high exemption limit of Rs. 15,000/- from Income-tax, such survey appears unnecessary.

Trade with the Soviet Union

*398. SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

- (a) what has been the total trade with the Soviet Union during the year 1980 and the current year (till date) in terms of items and foreign exchange ; and
- (b) the proportion that was channelised through the State Trading Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES
(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Item-wise statistics relating to India's trade with the Soviet Union for the calendar years 1980/81 are not available. However, it is estimated that the total trade turnover between India and the Soviet Union during the calendar year 1980 and the first eight months of 1981 may have been in the range of Rs. 2,088 crores and Rs. 2,024 crores respectively.

(b) STC's trade with the Soviet Union has been of the order of Rs. 178.31 crores in the Calendar year 1980 and Rs. 154.13 crores from January to November, 1981.

Decline in Export of Deoiled Cakes

*400. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL:
SHRI DAULATSINHJI
JADEJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the export of deoiled cakes is coming down day by day ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the names of the countries where there is a demand for deoiled cakes ; and