

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

- (d) the measures taken by Government to popularise our deoiled cake products in foreign countries to increase our exports to earn foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b). Export of oil-cakes and other residues of vegetable oils including deoiled Rice bran from 1976-77 onwards has been as follows:

Year	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs./ crores)
1976-77	21.38	246.95
1977-78	11.78	149.34
1978-79	13.64	135.11
1979-80	15.91	159.84
1980-81	13.77	163.61

Figures for 1980-81 are provisional and are only in respect of Groundnut extractions, cotton seed extractions, soya bean extractions and deoiled rice bran.

The above figures do not indicate any definite trend in the export of deoiled cakes.

(c) and (d). Exports have been made to a large number of countries including Netherlands, France, Italy, Federal Republic of German, U.K., Poland, U.S.S.R., and Thailand. As export of major items in this group is restricted within ceilings in the interest of domestic requirements, efforts are continuously made to minimise export of deoiled cakes within the ceilings released for export.

#### **Linking of Productivity and Performance with New Wage Structure in Public Sector Undertakings**

\*401. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration that in all Public Sector

Undertakings, new wage structure should be linked to the productivity of workers and performance of the unit concerned ;

- (b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ;
- (c) whether the Bureau of Public Enterprises have issued or propose to issue any guidelines to cover wage revision in the public sector ; and
- (d) if so, what are the details of the proposal in this regard and also the details of the guidelines at present in force to cover wage revision in the public sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) to (c). A proposal to link wages with productivity/profitability is under consideration of the Government.

(d) The existing policy has been indicated in para 4(i) of Chapter 23 (page 335) of Public Enterprises Survey 1979-80, Volume-I of the Bureau of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance laid on the Table of the House on the 27th February, 1981.

#### **Broad-Based Corporate Equity Investments by Companies**

\*402. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:

SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to provide a higher level of promoters contribution with the ceiling on equity holding ;
- (b) whether it is also proposed to suggest to the companies to bring substantial resources of their own for investment ; and