

Given the pressure on prices and the existence of high liquidity in the economy, the Reserve Bank's Report observes that the extent of recourse to deficit financing needs to be limited by carefully estimated requirements of the postulated increases in real national output. In this context, it also calls for continued reliance on a policy of credit restraint, consistent with the need of ensuring a credit facilities to the productive and hitherto neglected sectors of the economy.

The Government is in broad agreement with the Reserve Bank's observations on deficit financing and credit control. Among specific measures to contain deficit financing in the current year, mention may be made of recourse to additional taxation of Rs. 171 crores in the Central budget for 1972-73, disciplining of States in regard to their overdrafts from the Reserve Bank, exercise of restraint in respect of non-Plan expenditures and the record level of market borrowing undertaken by the Central Government in the course of the current year.

Export of Human Hair

*476. SHRI DHAN SHAH PRAHDAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of human hair exported to foreign countries during the last two years in the Indian currency; and

(b) the estimated export thereof during financial year 1972-73?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Exports of human hair during 1970-71 and 1971-72 are valued at Rs. 195.85 and Rs. 121.61 lakhs respectively.

(b) Exports during the current year are estimated at Rs. 50 lakhs.

बिहार में पटसन मिलों को अपने हाथ में लेना

*477. श्री रामबल्लभ शास्त्री :

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पंडेय :

क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बिहार की तीन पटसन मिलों को अपने हाथ में लेने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ज़्यादा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या बिहार सरकार ने इसके लिये अपनी स्वीकृति दे दी है ?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (श्री एल० एन० सिन्हा) : (क) नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी नहीं

Loss of Foreign Exchange due to repatriation of Indian citizens from Uganda

*478. SHRI NIMBALKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Rupee balance in the free market of Hongkong rose appreciably during the repatriation of expelled Indian citizens from Uganda; and

(b) how much foreign exchange Government have lost on this account?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):

(a) Government have received reports which would suggest that one of the contributory factors affecting the free market rate for rupee in Hong Kong during October and November this year might have been the demand generated by persons expelled from Uganda.

(b) By the very nature of these transactions—which are illegal and in contravention of the exchange regulations—it is difficult to arrive at any estimate.

इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स के विमानों में हिन्दी के समाचार पत्रों का उपलब्ध

होना

*479. श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :

क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इण्डियन एयर लाइन्स के विमानों में यात्रियों को हिन्दी का कोई भी समाचार पत्र नहीं मिलता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार कम से कम हिन्दी भाषी क्षेत्रों में उड़ान करने वाले विमानों में यात्रियों को हिन्दी के समाचार पत्र उपलब्ध कराने का

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Increase in export earnings from Cashew Nuts and Cashew-Shell Oil

*480. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the export earnings from cashew nuts and cashew-shell oil; and

(b) if so, the extent of earnings during last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Exports earning from cashew kernels during 1970-71 and 1971-72 were Rs. 52.06 crores and Rs. 61.73 crores, respectively. During the same period cashew nut shell liquid exports were of the value of Rs. 78.62 lakhs and Rs. 62.41 lakhs. Thus, there had been an increase of 17.6 per cent in the earnings from Cashew Kernels and decrease of 16 per cent in the earnings from Cashewnut shell liquid.

Talks between India and U.S.S.R. for improving economic relations

4450. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state.

(a) whether talks were recently held in New Delhi between India and Soviet Union for improving economic relations with that country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the discussion; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (c). In pursuance of the agreement signed between the Governments of India and the USSR in September, 1972 for the setting up of an Inter-Governmental Indo-Soviet Commission on