

(स्टेड्यूटरी) प्रकार का मैन्युअल है, घत: इसे अनुवाद के लिए राजभावा (विद्यार्थी) भायोग को भेजा गया था। उनसे प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार मैन्युअल का अनुवाद कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है परन्तु बाद में हुए संशोधनों के कारण इसे अद्यावधिक (अप-टू-डेट) रूप अभी प्रदान किया जाना है। यह कार्य हो रहा है।

#### Export of Silver

\*553. SHRI DHARMAVIR VASH-ISHT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of silver exported from India since the lifting of ban of exports in February, 1974, together with the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) what factors are taken into account by the State Trading Corporation in fixing the silver price;

(c) whether the floor price fixed by the S.T.C. in the current year was realistic, if so, in what respects; and

(d) the steps taken to mine new silver?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) to (d). The quantity of silver exported as well as the foreign exchange earned therefrom, since the lifting of ban in February, 1974 has been as follows:

Year	Qty. (in M. Tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1974-75 . . . . .	641	98
1975-76 . . . . .	1760	190
1976-77 . . . . .	1650	214
1977-78 . . . . . (upto 22-3-78)	693	83.12

2. There is no floor price of silver. The day-to-day movements in the international market are kept under continuous watch and the sales are so timed and the levels so determined that the realisation of the price is the maximum possible.

3. As far as is known, there is no primary source of silver available in the country. A very little quantity of silver is produced as a by-product in the processing of Zinc.

#### Small Savings Scheme Programme

5014. SHRI PARMANAND GOV-INDJIWALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to make the small savings scheme programme more reasonable and effective the Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh has placed certain suggestions before Central Small Savings Advisory Board on 3rd December, 1977;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions;

(c) whether the suggestions have been examined and considered; and

(d) if so, the decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions briefly are as follows:—

(i) All deposits whether made in the banks or in post offices should be regarded as National Savings. Certain categories of these deposits, to be specified, may be classified as "small savings" against which loans may be given to States by the Central Government to the extent of two-thirds as at present. The National Savings Organisation and the State Small Savings Departments should function purely as extension agencies, educating the people in savings and their targets should be