

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amounts Written off (Rs. in crores)</i>
1990-91	6.02
1991-92	5.48

The figures for 1992-93 will be compiled after the financial year is over.

Only irrecoverable demands are written off or are remitted under Section 5 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 in respect of excisable goods which due to natural causes are found to be deficient in quantity.

#### **Seizure of Narcotics**

2613. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narcotics Control Bureau officers made a big haul of Methaqualone in Bombay and Ganja in Assam during January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the persons apprehended in this regard; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to check smuggling of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Methaqualone was seized in Bombay on 20 / 21st January, 1993. No big seizure of Ganja has been made by the narcotics

Control bureau in Assam in January, 1993

(b) The officers of Narcotics Control Bureau, Bombay made a seizure of 3200 kgs. on methaqualone powder and 150 kgs. of Methaqualone in granule form during the night of 20 / 21st January, 1993. The drug was attempted to be smuggled out through an export consignment.

(c) Two persons have been arrested.

(d) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined. Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. The fencing of a part of the Indo Pakistan border has also checked smuggling to some extent. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

#### **Import and Export of Foodgrains**

2614. SHRI SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of rice, wheat and coarse foodgrains exported / imported during each of the last three years; and

(b) the average price per ton of rice, wheat and coarse foodgrains in the international market during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ( SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (b) . A statement is attached.

**STATEMENT  
Exports**

Community	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92		Qtv. intons. in Rs. lakhs
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rice	4,21,737	42652.06	5,05,029	46157.23	7,11,416	75408.06	
Wheat	11,766	214.11	1,39,470	3113.47	5,68,552	12146.85	
Other cereals	5,954	196.49	7,310	277.02	13,643	674.02	

## Imports

Commodity	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rice	5,44,485	29290.92	66,038	3918.44	12,117	1094.42
Wheat	39,649	2141.52	62,590	2227.12		Not available
Other	94,871	2439.64	1,399	35.23	1,858	41.66

Source: B.G.C.I &amp; S. Calcutta

## International Export Prices

	US \$ Per Tonne		
	1989	1990	1991
1. Rice (Thai 100% 2nd order)	305	278	302
(July-June)			
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
2. Wheat (Us No. 2 hard winter)	161	118	150
3. SorOhum (US No. 2 Yellow)	105	104	110

Source F.P