

(d) A realistic estimate of final cost of the aircraft will be available on completion of Project Definition Phase.

Punishment to Tax Evaders

1090. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have emphasised the need to deal firmly with the tax evaders and other economic offenders ;

(b) if so, whether the machinery to deal with the tax evaders and economic offenders has since been strengthened ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The policy of the Government has always been to deal firmly with tax evaders and other economic offenders.

(b) and (c) Strengthening of anti-evasion machinery to deal firmly with tax-evaders and economic offenders is a continuous process taking into account the administrative requirement and financial constraints. The Government has also set up the Central Economic intelligence Bureau in September, 1985 for this purpose.

Export of Pepper

1091. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any appreciable increase in the export of pepper ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the names of non-traditional countries to which pepper has been exported during the past two years with quantity ; and

(d) the steps being taken to augment export to these countries in future ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Figures for export of black pepper for the last five years are as below :

Years	Qty. in M.T.	Value in Lakhs of Rs.	
1982-83	22,495	2,900.15	} These figures do not include dehydrated pepper, white pepper, long pepper and pepper powder.
1983-84	25,667	4,082.34	
1984-85	25,322	5,999.08	
1985-86	37,520	17,185.63	
1986-87	36,660	19,744.18	

(c) During the last two years export of black pepper was made to the following countries to which there was no export during the preceding two years. The quantity exported is indicated against each.

Countries	1985-86 Qty. in M.T.	1986-87 Qty. in M.T.
Portugal	3.00	—
Jordan	38.00	16.00
Malaysia	2.00	—
Hongkong	19.04	—
Morocco	291.92	295.12
Finland	—	(3 Kgs.)
Lebanon	—	1.00
Senegal	—	141.00

(d) Steps to boost export of pepper to traditional and non-traditional markets include contact with Indian Exporters and Foreign buyers, Delegations to selected countries, strict quality control, participation in Food Fairs and Exhibitions in selected countries, publicity etc.

Financial Assistance to Spinning/Weaving Units in Kerala

1092. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any