

**Export of Levy and Non-Levy Sugar**

3808. SHRI CHANDRA BHAN  
ATHARE PATIL:

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL:

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy and non-levy sugar exported by each sugar factory separately from production of 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(b) foreign exchange earned from sugar exports during the financial years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(c) profit/loss on these exports each year;

(d) whether sugar is still exported to meet old commitments; and

(e) if so, the quantity proposed to be exported in 1980 and 1981?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A statement indicating the quantity of levy and non-levy sugar exported by each sugar factory is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1059/80].

(b) and (c). F.O.B. value of exports and profits/loss on these exports are indicated below:—

(Rs. crores)

Year	f.o.b. value	Profit/loss	
		(+)	(-)
1977-78	19.48	—	0.57
1978-79	131.93	—	21.43
1979-80	135.40	+	3.89
		(Provisional)	

(d) In view of the shortage of sugar in the country export of sugar is not allowed for the present.

(e) The quantum of export during 1980 and 1981 will depend on the production prospects of sugar during the next sugar year beginning October, 1980.

**Decline in the price of Cotton**

3809. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of cotton has come down and the cotton producers are not getting the right prices for their production; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the proposal for the safeguard of the cultivators? .

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The market prices of Kapas for 1979-80 season have been ruling well above the support prices. Cotton Corporation of India has been purchasing cotton on a large scale from all the mandies at the prevailing market prices. Government have also released 5.60 lakh bales of cotton for export during the current season. The price situation of Kapas is kept under constant review by Government to ensure that cotton growers' interests are adequately safeguarded.

**Rise in the prices of Soap by manufacturers**

3810. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether soap manufacturers have failed to keep their promise of marketing enough quantity of Janta soaps at fixed price;

(b) whether prices of good quality soaps have been raised exorbitantly by the manufacturers recently; and

(c) if so, the details?