

**Expenditure on export promotion and
Share of Cash subsidy**

739. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE
be pleased to state:

(a) total expenditure incurred on
account of export promotion year-wise
from 1975-76 to 1980-81;

(b) share of cash subsidy during the
above period year-wise;

(c) total trade surplus or deficit
year-wise during the above period;
and

(d) what is the impact of export
promotion expenditure on country's
to exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI
PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a)
to (c). A statement is annexed.

(d) As a result of export promo-
tion expenditure, exports from India
have been growing steadily.

Statement

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Total expenditure on export promotion	Amount of Cash Com- pensatory Support paid	Balance of Trade
1975-76	148.34	136.09	-1222.95
1976-77	239.64	226.62	+68.46
1977-78	324.36	311.34	-621.03
1978-79	375.21	358.92	-1088.04
1979-80	360.96 (Provisional)	344.16 (Provisional)	-2256.69
1980-81 (from April, 1980 to Sept., 1980)	196.34 (Provisional)	188.75 (Provisional)	Will be known after the end of current financial year.

Raids by Income-tax Department

740. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) how many raids were conduc-
ted by the income-tax Department
in search for tax evaded income and
wealth during the past three months;

(b) names, addresses, designations
and particulars of persons whose re-
sidences or business premises were
raided during this period;

(c) total amount of unaccounted
money in cash and kind detected in
each case; and

(d) what following-up action, if
any, is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI S. S. SISODIA): (a)
Sir, during the last three months, i.e.
August, 1980 to October 1980, the In-
come-Tax Department has conducted
1321 searches for unearthing conceal-
ed income and wealth. In these scar-
ches cash, bullion, jewellery and
other valuables worth rupees 4.54
crores approximately have been seiz-
ed.

(b) and (c). Considerable time
and effort will be involved in giving

details of name, address and seizure made in the case of each search. However, if the Hon'ble Member desires to have information about a particular search, the same will be furnished.

(d) Detailed investigation in these cases is in progress and action will be taken against the defaulters evaders according to Law.

Stabilisation of wholesale prices

741. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) rate of rise or fall in percentage terms of the wholesale price index numbers for all commodities and food articles separately; month-wise from April to October, 1980;

(b) what is the basis of his assertion that the process of stabilisation of wholesale prices has started; and

(c) what is the nature of this stabilisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The monthly percentage variations in the All-Commodities Wholesale Price Index and Food Articles with 1970-71 as base, for the period, April-October 1980 are given below:

	Percentage Variations over the previous month	
	All Commodities Index	Food Articles Index
April 1980	+0.6	(-)0.4
May 1980	+2.5	+3.1
June 1980	+3.0	+1.8
July 1980	+4.1	+3.6
August 1980	+1.0	+1.1
September 1980(P)	+1.0	(-)1.4
October 1980(P)	+0.6	+2.0

P=Provisional data.

(b) and (c). The rate of inflation as measured by the Wholesale Price Index in the recent 3 months, August-October 1980 has come down to 1.1 per cent from 3.2 per cent in the preceding 3 months. The General Index of Wholesale Prices has fallen by 1.2 and 1.7 per cent during the two weeks ended 25.10.1980 and 1-11-1980—the latest available.

The modernisation in inflationary pressures is the result of the abatement of seasonal factors and anti-inflationary measures already taken by the Government. The outlook of agricultural production is good and industrial output has started pulling up. While it is not possible to insulate the economy from imported inflation and the continued rise in the prices of oil and oil products, the falling trend in prices augurs well and price situation is expected to show a reasonable degree of stability in the coming months.

Setting up of pelletisation plant at Kudremukh

742. SHRI R. Y. GHORPADE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether two foreign Governments have evinced interest in setting up pelletisation plant at Kudremukh; if so, facts thereof;

(b) whether costly machinery and components would become rusty if the Kudremukh plant is not worked to full capacity;

(c) whether a labour force of 2,000 is almost idle and the annual loss on the project is likely to be rupees 100 crores;

(d) whether he has been successful in his visit to Romania in October and the Romanian Government have agreed to participate in setting up an integrated steel plant in India with iron ore available from Kudremukh project; and

(e) if so, details thereof?