

economic conditions of High School students in Coimbatore District;

(b) what are the main findings of the report; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken by Government to implement the findings and the financial commitment involved?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 105.]

(c) The report will be printed and distributed to all the teacher training institutions and State Governments. It will be left to them to implement any of the findings. No financial commitment is involved on the part of the Central Government.

Cultivation of Tobacco

1454. { Shri S. R. Arumugham:
Shri Ganapathy:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of cultivation of tobacco in Madras State during 1958-59 and 1959-60;

(b) the amount of excise duty collected during this period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the area of cultivation of tobacco has been decreased and if so, to what extent and the reasons for the same;

(d) the quantity of cured tobacco consumed locally and exported to other States;

(e) whether the chewing tobacco is exported to foreign countries; and

(f) if so, to which countries it is being exported?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a)

| | acres |
|----------------|--------|
| (i) 1958-59 . | 43,430 |
| (ii) 1959-60 . | 51,186 |

(b) The amount of central excise duty on tobacco collected during 1958-59 and 1959-60 is as follows:

| Year | Basic excise duty | Additional excise duty |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1958-59 | 3,50,44,892 | 39,21,063 |
| 1959-60 | 3,39,66,657 | 39,50,599 |

(c) No, Sir. The area under cultivation of tobacco in the State of Madras has been on the increase as is evident from the figures given in Part (a). The later part does not arise.

(d)

| Year | Quantity (in lbs.) consumed in Madras State | Quantity (in lbs.) exported to other States |
|---------|---|---|
| 1958-59 | 6,96,60,034 | 35,57,843 |
| 1959-60 | 6,54,40,585 | 39,73,073 |

(e) and (f). Chewing tobacco is exported to Singapore and Malaya.

Statues near Janpath, Delhi

1455. Shri Shiva Datt Upadhyaya: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to

(a) whether there is any proposal to house the statues and other ancient stone carvings now at display on the corner of Janpath and Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi;

(b) the places where these statues are to be shifted; and

(c) the expenses likely to be incurred in this arrangement?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To the galleries of the National Museum.

(c) Approximately Rupees one thousand.