

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to put a ceiling on individual holding of all forms of wealth; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b) While there is no intention to put a ceiling on every items of private wealth, Government's desire to limit the growth of wealth in private hands is reflected in measures like progressive taxation of income and wealth, estate duty and ceiling on land, both agricultural and urban. Expansion of the public sector and checks on the growth of large houses also serve to reduce concentration of wealth in the community.

Estimates of groundnut crop and its export

844. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimate of the groundnut crop for the current year;

(b) what is the target fixed for the export of groundnut during the same period; and

(c) what is Government's policy in regard to the export of groundnut?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAIG): (a) The official estimates of 1977-78 groundnut crop are not available as yet.

(b) and (c) Export of groundnuts including the H.P.S. variety is presently banned.

Communication System at the Palam Airport

845. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:
SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:
SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to the expert opinion, reliability of communication system at the Palam Airport is below par in comparison to ICAO standards and thus could lead to serious air accidents; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) It is true that, taken individually the performance of each communication channel at Palam Airport is not upto the present ICAO Standards. However, as there are a number of such channels available along with many navigational, landing and Radar Aids, they taken together, ensure the safety of airport operations.

(b) Action to replace the existing equipment expeditiously, according to a phased programme, is already in hand.

Hindustan Everest Tools, Jethary (Sonepat)

846. SHRI SUJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the Hindustan Everest Tools Jethary (Sonepat) by way of exports during the last two years;

(b) whether any material has been imported by the company of actual users licence or otherwise during the above mentioned period and if so, the details thereof; and