

bent cotton. The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Industry (Textiles Division) to evolve a suitable definition of raw cotton so as to prevent misuse of the policy of allowing exports of absorbent cotton of pharmacopoeia standards.

Income-tax arrears of film artistes

557. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the film actors, actresses, Directors, Music Directors and Playback Singers who have not paid income-tax dues for the assessment year 1976-77; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to realise the income-tax dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIKARULLAH): (a) and (b) The requisite information is not readily available, it is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Foreign exchange earned through tea exports

558. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of tea produced in the country during the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77; and

(b) what is the quantity of tea exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) The quantity of tea produced in the country during

the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 is as under:

	Million Kgs.
1974-75	489.5
1975-76	587.1
1976-77	512.4

(b) The quantity of tea exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned during the years 1974-75 to 1976-77 are as follows;

Years	Qty. of tea exported (M. Kgs.)	Amount of foreign exchange (Rs. in crores)
1974-75	225.06	223.53
1975-76	211.41	233.29
1976-77	242.40	295.26

Revenue earned from excise and export duties on tea

559. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the revenue earned by Government from (i) excise, and (ii) export duties on tea during the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): The required information is furnished below:—

Year	Revenue realised from	
	Excise duty on Tea	Export duty on tea
	(Rs. 000)	
1974-75	42,23.53	82
1975-76	59,47.37	28
1976-77	62,05.84	..