

cases. Cases against some of the persons arrested are still pending at various stages. In case the Hon'ble Member, specify the person(s) about whom they desire to have the details, same will be collected and furnished.

Aid to Foreign Countries

♦339. SHRI T. ANJIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given technical or other aid to any country for its development projects (during the last two years; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those countries and what is the quantum of aid given to each?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

During the two years 1976-77 and 1977-78 the Government of India assisted the friendly developing countries in their development programmes by way of technical assistance in the form of training facilities, expert services and supply of ancillary equipment, loans and grants for purchase of Indian equipment and commodities.

Technical assistance was provided to a number of countries under the Colombo Plan, the Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan and the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme. The countries assisted during the two years were:

Under the Colombo Plan	Under the SCAAP	Under the I.T.E.C.
1. Afghanistan	1. Botswana	1. Afghanistan
2. Australia	2. Ghana	2. Angola
3. Bangladesh	3. Kenya	3. Algeria
4. Bhutan	4. Lesotho	4. Barbados
5. Burma	5. Malawi	5. Botswana
6. Fiji	6. Mauritius	6. Brazil
7. Indonesia	7. Nigeria	7. Burma
8. Iran	8. Sierra Leone	8. Cyprus
9. Japan	9. Swaziland	9. Ethiopia
10. Khmer	10. Tanzania	10. Arab Republic of Egypt
11. South Korea	11. Uganda	11. Fiji
12. Laos	12. Zambia	12. Ghana
13. Malaysia		13. Guinea
14. Maldives		14. Guyana
15. Nepal		15. Indonesia
16. New Zealand		16. Laos
17. Pakistan		17. Malaysia
18. Philippines		

Under the Colombo Plan	Under the SCAPP	Under the I.T.E.C.
19. Singapore		18. Mauritius
20. Sri Lanka		19. Mauritania
21. Thailand		20. Malta
22. Vietnam		21. Maldives
		22. Mozambique
		23. PDRY
		24. Seychelles
		25. Sri Lanka
		26. Somalia
		27. Sudan
		28. Syria
		29. Tanzania & Zanzibar
		30. Tonga
		31. SRVN (Vietnam)
		32. Upper Volta
		33. Yemen Arab Republic
		34. Zimbabwe
		35. Zaire

The cost of the technical assistance provided under the programmes mentioned above was under:—

(Rupees in Million)			
	1976-77	1977-78	
1. Under Colombo Plan	4.5	8.0*	
2. Under the Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan (SCAAP)	1.4	2.4*	
3. Under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme	28.8	66.5	

* Estimated amount.

Technical assistance was also provided to Bangladesh on bilateral basis the cost of which is estimated at Rs. 1.9 million and Rs. 1.4 million during 1976-77 and 1977-78 respectively.

Budget provision is made for provision of technical assistance under the Colombo Plan, SCAAP and ITEC for all countries together; country-wise figures are not maintained.

The Government of India extended credits to the following countries in

the amounts mentioned against each for enabling them to purchase Indian equipment and commodities for their development purposes:—

(Rupees in Million)			
	1976-77	1977-78	
1. Sri Lanka	71	100	
2. Vietnam	..	100	
3. Mauritius	..	100	
4. Bhutan	15.6	28.6	
5. Bangladesh	69.3	20.7	

Grants were also provided to neighbouring countries for their development programmes. The amounts were:—

(Rupees in Million)			
	1976-77	1977-78	
1. Nepal	99.5	82.1	
2. Bangladesh	7.9	1.7	
3. Bhutan	212.1	246.6	

During 1977-78 India agreed to give for the first time interest-free commodity loans of 50,000 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan and 1 lakh tonnes of wheat to Vietnam (converted into 1,000 tonnes of maida).

Export of Cooked and peeled
Shrimps to Australia

*340. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-BEEN;
Will the Minister of COMMERCE,
CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of cooked and peeled shrimps to Australia has suddenly declined; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government are taking to promote its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL
SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI
ARIF BEG): (a) and (b) A statement is
laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There was no sudden decline, but there has been a gradual decline in our export of cooked and peeled shrimps to Australia.

(b) The main reason for the decline is that small-sized shrimps, from which cooked and peeled shrimps are prepared, fetch better price in our export markets of Japan and United States of America. We are out-priced in the Australian market

by Malaysia, whose products are cheaper. Recently our exports of cooked and peeled shrimps have also been affected by the introduction of a different testing procedure by the Australian Authorities.

In order to arrest the declining trend in our export of marine products to Australia, the Government has sanctioned a market survey for marine products in Australia, which is in progress now. In addition, a two-member delegation has also been sent to Australia to discuss and sort out problems connected with introduction of the new testing procedure by Australian Authorities.

Disposal of Applications by the
Settlement Commission of
Income Tax

*341. SHRI SITARAM KESRI; SHRI
DHARAMCHAND
JAIN; SHRI DAYANAND
SAHAYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the Number of applications received by the Settlement Commission of Income-tax during the last three years; and

(b) the number of cases out of the about which were disposed of separately in respect of Income-tax and Wealth-tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI
ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) and (b) A
statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Number of Applications received by the Settlement Commission (Income tax) and Wealth Tax) during the last three years and number of cases which were disposed of.

No. of applications received by the Settlement Commission (Income tax and Wealth tax) since its inception on 1-4-1976 :

S. No.	Period	Income Tax	Wealth Tax	Total
1	1-4-1976 to 31-3-1977	311	137	448
2	1-4-1977 to 31-3-1978	404	146	550
3	1-4-1978 to 30-6-1978	122	32	154
	GRAND TOTAL	837	315	1152