

cotton-growing State during the years 1974-75 and 1975-76 are as under:—

(Figures in bales of 180 Kgs.)

State	No. of bales purchased in 1974-75	Purchases made in 1975-76 upto 8-5-76
Andhra Pradesh	6,554	10,360
Gujarat	16,610	27,338
Haryana	500	6,888
Karnataka	2,386	13,628
Madhya Pradesh	1,647	7,930
Punjab	1,033	22,639
Rajasthan	1,044	14,755
Tamil Nadu	2,131	7,763
TOTAL	31,905	1,10,301

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export processing zone at Calcutta

49. SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :

SHRI SARDAR AMI AD ALI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for setting up an export processing zone at Calcutta has been dropped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) if not, what is the present position in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

Proposals Mooted at the FICCI meeting for improving the Investment Climate

50. SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO:

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR
ADIVAREKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the proposals for several reliefs and concessions made at the recent annual meeting of the FICCI for improving the investment climate; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budget for 1976-77 contains a series of measures for raising the level of industrial investment and production. On present indications, there is likely to be a substantial improvement in the rate of industrial growth in the current year. However, the economic situation in the country is kept under continuous review and suggestions designed to improve the country's economic performance are given due consideration by the Government.

Closed down tea gardens in Tripura

51. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

SHRI KALYAN ROY:

SHRI S. KUMARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the 'Business Standard' of the 5th April, 1976 under the caption "10 tea gardens in Tripura closed down";

(b) if so, what are the names of the tea gardens closed down, together with the names of the companies to which they