

Export of Paper

1244. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Paper Makers Association has demanded five per cent of their produce for export ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) The Government have no information on the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

RAIDS ON PREMISES OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIALS

1245. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of raids made by Income-tax authorities during the current year on the premises of Government Officials and officials in Public Sector undertakings ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is collected.

FOREIGN TOURS BY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CCI.

1246. SHRI BANARSI DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the present Managing Director of the Cotton Corporation of India during the last three years, year-wise ; and

(b) whether any other officer of the CCI also undertook any foreign tour either with the Managing Director or alone during this period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

VISIT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR OF C.C.I. TO DELHI.

1247. SHRI BANARSI DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Managing Director of the Cotton Corporation of India has been paying frequent visits to Delhi ;

(b) if so, the number of visits made by him to Delhi during the last two years and the amount of TA/DA drawn by him ; and

(c) whether Government propose to shift the Head Office of the Cotton Corporation of India to Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RISE IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

1248. SHRI BHAIRON SINGH SHEKHAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the rate of annual increase in the wholesale price index during the years 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 and during the months following March, 1974 indicating food and non-food items, separately ; and

(b) what are reasons for the steep rise in prices during 1972-73 onwards and what remedial measures have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) The statement below sets out the rate of annual increase (per cent) in the Wholesale Price Index, and in the Indices of the food and the non-food groups from 1970-71 to 1973-74 and the rates of monthly increase thereafter

		General Index	Food Articles	Non-food Articles
1970-71	.	+5.5	+3.6	+7.3
1971-72	.	+4.0	+3.2	+4.8
1972-73	.	+9.9	+13.9	+6.5
1973-74	.	+22.6	+23.4	+21.9
1974				
April	.	+1.8	+1.6	+1.9
May	.	+3.6	+4.7	+2.7
June	.	+2.4	+2.1	+1.8
July	.	+3.0	+4.4	+1.7
August	.	+2.6	+2.4	+2.8
September	.	+1.6	+2.7	+0.7
October	.	-1.3	-1.1	-1.5
November	.	-1.1	-1.3	-0.9
(Average of 4 weeks only).				