

value added product and better foreign exchange earnings are secured in overseas markets.]

**Allegation of Tax Evasion by Executive Director, National Agro-Industries Corporation, Delhi and Palwal**

1235. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints alleging evasion of income-tax by the Executive Director, National Agro-Industries Corporation, Delhi and Palwal have been received by the Chairman of the Board of Direct Taxes and the Commissioner of Income-tax, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to detect the evasion and the result of the investigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint has been received by the Commissioner of Income-tax, Delhi.

(b) Investigations are in progress but as enquiry is also being made by the Central Bureau of Investigation who have taken over some of his books and papers, there is likelihood of some delay in completing the same.

**Contributions to the Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry**

1236. SHRI TRILOKI SINGH:  
SHRI A. P. JAIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the State Bank of India has been misusing his influence upon the bank clients to collect contributions in lakhs of rupees for the Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, over the past two years; and

(b) if so, the action taken to curb these activities of the Chairman?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Government have no reason to believe that the Chairman, State Bank of India, has been misusing his influence upon the bank's clients to collect contributions for the Shri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

**Supply of Beef in Public Sector Hotels**

1237. SHRI PRITHWI NATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether beef is served in the public sector hotels at New Delhi and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the sources of its supply?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Preparations made of buffalo meat are sold on specific demand, mostly from foreign tourists, in Akbar Hotel, New Delhi and Ashoka Hotel, Bangalore.

1b) Buffalo meat is purchased from local suppliers both at Delhi and Bangalore.

**Setting up of a Five Storeyed Hotel in Cochin**

1238. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a five storeyed hotel with 300 rooms in the Cochin Backwaters in-between Bolg-hatty and Ernakulam, in the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.