

STATEMENT

*Fourth Five Year Plan—States Plan
outlay and Central assistance*

States	(Rs. crores)	
	Fourth Plan Plan ou lay	Central assis- tance agreed
1. Andhra Pradesh	522	280
2. Assam	190	175
3. Bihar	545	292
4. Gujarat	446	165
5. Haryana	168	91
6. Jammu & Kashmir	126	126
7. Kerala	293	182
8. Madhya Pradesh	458	288
9. Madras	564	250
10. Maharashtra	951	261
11. Mysore	421	222
12. Orissa	300	150
13. Punjab	280	95
14. Rajasthan	313	95
15. Uttar Pradesh	926	495
16. West Bengal		
17. Nagaland	30	27

INCOME-TAX EVASION BY JUTE MAGNATES

*156. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some reports have been received by Government about the extent of Income-Tax evasion by Jute magnates after the recent searches in Calcutta by the Officials of the Income-Tax Department;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of such tax evasion involved as found from the papers seized already and whether these have connections with those seized last year in Delhi and Bombay; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some cases of Foreign Exchange smuggling totalling crores of Rupees by underinvoicing of jute goods sold

abroad, have been un-earthed from the papers seized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Reports received by Government indicate the fact of tax evasion by persons engaged in jute trade, but not the extent of such evasion. The seized material is under scrutiny. The extent of evasion involved could be ascertained only after the scrutiny is completed. These searches have no connection with the searches made last year in Delhi and Bombay.

(c) Nothing definite has been found in this regard from the papers scrutinized so far.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION

M57. SHRIMATI TARA RAM-CHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how far devaluation alone has helped in improving the foreign exchange position.

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) to (c) It is difficult to isolate the effect of devaluation alone on the changes in foreign exchange position which is influenced by various factors. Export performance depends on the availability of surplus for export which was adversely affected by the drought. World demand conditions have also not been favourable on the whole and foreign prices of some of our exports have fallen. Debt service payments have also been rising.