[English]

Establishment of a Bench of Bombay High Court at Kolhapur

759. SHRIUDAYSINGRAOGAIKWAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received a demand from the people of five districts namely Kolhapur. Sangli. Satara, Ratnagiri and Sindudurg for the establishment of a permanent bench of the Bombay High Court at Kolhapur:
- (b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard so far; and
- (c) the time by which Government propose to establish the said bench at Kolhapur?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c). Representations have been received for the establishment of a Bench of the Bombay High Court at Koihapur. The request has been passed on to the State authorities. Further action can be taken by the Central Government if a complete proposal in this regard is received from the Government of Maharashtra.

Unearthing of Black Money

760. SHRI SHANTILAL PU-RUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL:

SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

SHRI E.M.S. PAKEER MO-HAMED:

SHRI HET RAM: SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government since the beginning of 1990 to unearth black money;
- (b) the amount of black money recovered/seized in the form of currency notes/gold ornaments and incriminate documents, etc.; and
- (c) the details of the persons/firms etc. from whom black money has recovered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). Unearthing black money generated through tax evasion is a continuous process. The Income-tax Department systematic surveys, search and seizure operations in suitable cases and deep scrutiny in a selected number of cases for detection of unaccounted income and wealth.

The details of prima-facie unaccounted assets seized during the course of searches conducted from January 1990 to June 1990 are as follows:—

Period : January, 90 to June, 90

No. of searches : 2018

Value of prima-facie unaccounted assets (Rs. in crores)

Cash : 13.19

Jewellery 21.55