

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah):** (a) The arrears of income-tax and super-tax at the end of the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 were Rs. 131.6, 159.3 and Rs. 169.6 crores respectively.

(b) The amounts realised out of these arrears in 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 (upto 30th September) were Rs. 29.2, 30.0 and 12.8 crores respectively.

The number of assesses against whom action had been taken by way of imposing penalty for non-payment of dues was 13,247 in 1951-52 and 19,174 in 1952-53. The number of cases in which such action had been taken in 1953-54 is not available as yet. Figures regarding other action taken, namely, issue of Recovery Certificates and notices under Section 46(5A) are not readily available.

#### SMUGGLING OF GANJA

**\*693. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantity of *Ganja* is smuggled every year into India from other countries; and

(b) if so, what special steps have been taken to prevent this smuggling?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) and (b). It is apprehended that there is a certain amount of smuggling of *Ganja* on the Indo-Nepal border. The bordering States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and the Government of Nepal have taken special steps to prevent this illegal traffic in *Ganja* on the border.

#### FLYING SAUCERS

**\*694. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the press to the

effect that a "Flying Saucer" was seen over Bombay twice recently; and

(b) whether meteorologists in Bombay have observed the same and made any scientific study of it?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

#### SYNTHETIC BLOOD PLASMA

**\*698. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any synthetic substitute for blood plasma has been evolved at the National Chemical Laboratory;

(b) whether any experiments have been conducted with the substance; and

(c) if so, with what results?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extensive physiological trials have been made on dogs in collaboration with the Armed Forces Medical College, Poona.

(c) The trials indicate that the product satisfies all the requirements of a transfusion fluid for treatment of shock.

#### FOREIGN DEPUTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERTS

**\*700. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to send Indian Archaeological Experts to neighbouring countries like Afghanistan, Iran, and other Middle East countries; and

(b) if so, what will be their main work there?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). The matter is in an exploratory stage.