

5. The Radio Cell of the Central Health Education Bureau has established liaison with All India Radio and the television centre for stepping up broadcasts and telecasts on subjects of health interest. All India Radio has started a new series of talks called the "Radio Doctor" in which the first talk on 'lung disease' was given on 5th April, 1966. In this popular talk it was pointed out that smoking may cause lung-cancer as shown by research studies both in India and abroad.

Smuggling between Persian Gulf and West Coast of India

1145. **Shri George Fernandes:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri J. H. Patel:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of smugglers' gangs that run a daily motor launch service between the Persian Gulf and Bombay; and

(b) whether any measures are proposed to be taken to put an end to smuggling between the Persian Gulf and the West Coast of India?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The Government are aware that gangs of smugglers utilise Arab Dhows, mechanised launches, fishing vessels etc. plying between Persian Gulf countries and West Coast, including Bombay for smuggling purposes. However, the Government have no information regarding a daily motor launch service operating between Persian Gulf and Bombay for this purpose.

(b) The Customs Authorities, and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, which co-ordinates anti-smuggling activities of the various field organisations, are taking all possible steps to prevent such smuggling. Measures for further tightening up sea patrols are under consideration of the Government.

Seminar on India's Fourth Plan in U.K.

1146. **Shri George Fernandes:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri J. H. Patel:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar was held in Brighton, U.K. during the first week of April, 1967 on India's Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) the names of sponsors and principal participants in this Seminar; and

(c) the conclusions of the Seminar and how these conclusions will help the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Anoka Mehta): (a) A Seminar on India's Fourth Five Year Plan was held in Sussex, near Brighton, from 31st March to 3 April, 1967.

(b) The Sussex University, the Institute of Development Studies, and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, jointly sponsored the Seminar. There were 25-30 participants of which six were Indians. The participants were mainly eminent economists and social scientists, who have knowledge and have been taking interest in Indian affairs. The Ministry of Overseas Development and the Indian High Commission were also represented. A list of participants is enclosed.

(c) The main purpose of the Seminar was to revive intelligent and informed interest in and sympathy for India's problems. It was not intended to arrive at any formal conclusions. It was proposed to edit the background papers prepared for the Seminar in the light of discussions in the Seminar and in due course bring these out in the form of a volume with an introduction added to it.

Some impressions of the Seminar discussions appeared in the 'New Statesman' in its issue of 28 April,

1967 under the title "India: Less Non-sense, More Aid" by Michael Lipton, who was one of the active participants in the Seminar.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Prof. T. Balogh, Prime Minister's Office, U.K.
2. Prof. N. Kaldor, Treasury, U.K.
3. Prof. Austin Robinson, Cambridge.
4. Mr. Colin Clark, Oxford.
5. Mr. Robert Neild, Treasury, U.K.
6. Mr. P. P. Streeten, University of Sussex, U.K.
7. Dr. D. Pocock, University of Sussex.
8. Dr. J. M. Healey, Keele University.
9. Dr. P. A. R. Layard, London School of Economics.
10. Dr. David Ovens, London School of Economics.
11. Dr. J. Mirrlees, Cambridge University.
12. Prof. S. Wells, University of Salford.
13. Mr. Michael Lipton, University of Sussex.
14. Mr. Maurice Zinkin, Lever Brothers, London.
15. Mr. Andrew Shonfield, Royal Institute of International Studies.
16. Prof. Daniel Thorner, Paris.
17. Mr. R. Cassen, Overseas Development Ministry.
18. Mr. Hopkins, Overseas Development Ministry.
19. Mr. John White, Overseas Development.

Indian Participants:

1. Shri Pitambar Pant, Planning Commission.
2. Dr. K. N. Raj, Delhi School of Economics.
3. Shri V. K. Ramaswamy, Ministry of Finance.
4. Dr. Dharma Kumar, Cambridge University.
5. Mr. Ashok Parikh, Sussex University.
6. Mr. K. Subramaniam, London School of Economics.

Seizure of Foreign Exchange at Palam Airport

1147. Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Eam Singh Ajarwal:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange amounting to Rs. 3.6 lakhs was seized by the Income-tax authorities at Palam Airport as reported in the *Indian Express* of the 13th February, 1967;

(b) if so, the number of persons against whom the action has been taken, and the nature of the action taken; and

(c) the name of the place from where this money was brought in?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No such seizure was made at Palam Airport on 13th February, 1967. However, on 13th January, 1967 Indian currency amounting to Rs. 3.6 lakhs was seized from a passenger at Palam airport by the Customs officers.

(b) The matter is under investigation by both the Customs and Income-tax Departments.

(c) The money was brought by the passenger from Bombay.