

The Minister of State in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Pharens Gaba): (a) There have been reports about these areas having been affected by drought.

(b) Information has been called for from the State Government.

दुनाई की ऊन की रंगाई पर उत्पादन शुल्क

1234. श्री हरदबाल देवचुप : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दुनाई की ऊन रंगने के उद्योग को धीरे से इस भाग्य का कोई सम्भाव्यता मिला है कि दुनाई की ऊन की रंगाई पर से केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क हटाया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

उत्तर-प्रधान मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री (श्री जोरारजी देसाई) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मामला विचाराधीन है ।

Contraband Gold Hauled at Bombay

1235. Shri Vshwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire was opened by the officials of the Marine Preventive Division of the Central Excise to scade away gang of smugglers and to effect a haul of contraband goods valued at Rs. 10 lakhs at Bombay on the 11th May, 1967;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Deesai): (a) and (b). In the early hours of 12th May, 1967 the officers of the

Marine and Preventive Division of the Bombay Central Excise Collectorate had to fire in the air in order to effect seizure of some smuggle goods landed on the sea-beach off Cadell Road, Mahim, Bombay. The smugglers escaped, but an Ambassador car parked in front of a house on Cadell Road was seized, and on search thereof, 8,500 wrist watches worth about Rs. 9,50,000 were recovered. Further searches around the house and on the beach resulted in the seizure of six packages of cigarettes worth about Rs. 16,000 and 14 packages of nylon yarn worth about Rs. 75,000.

(c) The case is under investigation.

Cycloserine

1236. Dr. M. Santosham: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import certain essential life saving drugs such as Cycloserine, which are freely available in other countries, but are not obtainable in India; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b): The Government do not have any proposal at present for importing by themselves any life saving drugs such as 'Cycloserine' etc. However, Cycloserine is at present being imported both in bulk and finished form by pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

Similarly, other life saving drugs whose production has not yet been established are allowed to be imported in bulk for further processing.

Tawa Irrigation Project

1237. Shri Nitraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) when and by whom the Tawa Irrigation project was surveyed;