

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Haryana.

USE AND MANAGEMENT OF BHAKRA WATERS BY HARYANA

852. SHRI RANDHIR SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Haryana Government have sent any proposal for the use and management of the Bhakra Waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to accept those proposals and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

CENTRALISATION OF SALES TAX

853. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any proposal for the centralization of Sales Tax;

(b) if so, whether the views of the State Governments have been taken in this direction; and

(c) whether any final decision has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

854. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan to establish a Housing Finance Corporation

to advance loans to the needy to build houses has been pending for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and when a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) and (b). It is not considered opportune now to set up a Housing Finance Corporation in view of the shortage of resources and general economic conditions. The proposal has, therefore, been deferred for the time being.

PROF. KALDOR'S VISIT TO INDIA

855. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Prof. Kaldor visited the country at the invitation of the Central Government;

(b) whether he was asked to conduct studies of the tax structure and whether he had submitted any report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) The visit of Prof. Nicholas Kaldor to India some time back was at the instance of the Indian Statistical Institute and not at the invitation of the Government of India.

(b) No, Sir. He was not asked to conduct any studies of our tax structure and he did not submit any report to the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

REFERENCE TO SMUGGLING IN KERALA ASSEMBLY

856. SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reference made in the Kerala State Assembly regarding the large scale smuggling in the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government to curb smuggling?