

(c) to (e). While this Ministry does not set up food processing industries directly, assistance is provided to the State Government Public Sector Undertaking/Co-operatives under the various Plan schemes formulated by this Ministry in this sector. In the year 1990-91 the following financial assistance was given to Orissa:-

- i) for mushroom processing and infrastructure development - Rs. 2.41 lakhs.
- ii) for dehydration and pickling and canning of mushroom - Rs. 21.1494 lakhs.
- iii) for meeting the raw material requirements of the processing units - Rs. 18.50 lakhs.
- iv) for meeting expenditure on advertising and publicity of mushrooms - Rs. 0.47 lakhs.

Alleged Smuggling of Spare Parts of Watches

4373. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket regarding the smuggling of spare parts of watches from the H.M.T. watch factory, Bangalore was recently busted;

(b) if so, the number of persons involved in it;

(c) the value of spare parts smuggled;

(d) the action taken against those found guilty; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken to stop such smuggling in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). About two months ago the police detected theft of watch parts belonging to various HMT Watch Units, in which three persons were involved.

(c) The approximate cost of the stolen watch parts was Rs.60,000/-

(d) and (e). The one casual worker of the company who was involved has been removed and stringent vigilance measures are being taken by HMT to avoid such cases in future.

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Development of small and Medium Towns in Madhya Pradesh

4374. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Ministry of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for development of small and medium towns in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the district-wise amount spent on development of small and medium towns each year during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns is an on-going scheme started during the 6th Plan. Towns are selected for assistance under this scheme every year depending upon the budgetary allocations with the Govt. of India for this purpose and based on