

Wealth-Tax for possessing wealth-valuing over rupees ten lakhs during the last three years; and

(b) the amount of wealth-tax recovered from them during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) The required information for the year 1970-71 is not readily available and is being collected. It will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available. The information for the earlier two years is as under:—

1968-69	1492
1969-70	1531

(b) the required information for the year 1970-71 is not readily available and is being collected. It will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available. The information for the earlier two years is as under:—

	(figures in thousands)
1968-69	Rs. 21903
1969-70	Rs. 28644

Promotions of the Employees Belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Customs Department, Cochin

3168. **SHRI B. N. REDDY :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees of Customs Department, Cochin, regarding the non-implementation of orders issued by Government from time to time regarding promotion etc., to the said employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) No such representation has been received during the last three years.

(b) Does not arise.

Language used on Sign Posts for Mileage and other Notices

3169. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sign posts for mileage and other notices are written either in Hindi or regional languages in many Northern States of the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make arrangements for English notices for facility of South Indian and foreign travellers in our country to understand direction and distances covered ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). The Govt. of India are primarily concerned with National Highways only. All roads other than National Highways in States are essentially the responsibility of the State Govts. concerned. The instructions regarding inscription of place names on Kilometre Stones and directions etc. on informatory sign posts at road junctions already prescribe the use of Roman (English), Devanagari and local scripts according to a laid down order. The figures are in any case to be marked in the international form of Indian numerals.

American Experts flying along with Boeing 737 Pilots

3170. **SHRI BRUJAJ SINGH-KOTAH :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether are American experts still flying along with Boeing 737 pilots; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION : (DR. SARAJINI MAHISHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.