(ब) यदि हां, तो उनका कृत मूल्य कितना है ?

राज्यस्य स्रोर विकाश विकाश के प्रभारी राज्य मंत्री (भी प्रणय कुमार मुलर्गी):

(क) भीर (ख) . मध्य प्रदेश के भायकर भायुक्तों के भिर्मिकार क्षेत्रों में 1 जनवरी से 30 जून, 1976 तक की भविष्ठ में भायकर भविकारियों द्वारा की गई सलाशी तथा भिष्महण की कार्य-वाहियों के कारण 20.3 लाख रु० से भविक मृत्य क भाष्वण पकड़े गए हैं।

Political Parties Assessed for Income Tax

1742. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether political parties repreented in the Parliament have been assessed for income-tax;
- (b) if so, the tax assessed and paid by each of them during the past two years;
- (c) whether election funds collected by them are also subjected to income tax; and
- (d) if so the tax assessed and paid by each of the parties during the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Investment of Part of Impounded D.A. in Small Savings Schemes

1743. SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in a conference of Finance Ministers of Northern States, workers in the organised sector have been asked to invest in small savings schemes at least 25 per cent of the first instalment of the impounded wages and D.A. which was due to be paid in July:
- (b) whether farmers have also been urged to invest in small savings; and
- (c) if so, the salient features of this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) In the Conference of Finance Ministers of Northern States held for discussing generally the measures for strengthening the Small Savings Movement, it was decided to appeal to employees and workers all over the country to invest in small savings at least 25 percent of the first instalment of impounded D.A. which will be repaid to them in the current year.

(b) and (c). It was also decided in the meeting to approach the farmers systematically through co-operative marketing committees/societies or co-operative banks connected with the farmers and persuade them to invest in small savings. The co-operative societies/banks are also being requested to become agents and canvass among farmers for investment in small savings.

Fall in the Production of Natural Rubber Latex Foam

1744. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the quantum of fall of natural