

(c) the total target for export of non-basmati rice for the period 1986-90, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) to (c). In view of comfortable stock position of rice with public agencies and its easy availability in the country, it has been decided to permit export of non-basmati rice within a limited ceiling subject to the minimum Export Price of Rs. 4000/- per MT f.o.b. The quantum of export during 1986-90 period will depend on the crop position; exportable surpluses likely to be available; and the international trading conditions.

Release of Foreign Exchange for Construction of Kannada Bhawan in New York

2958. **SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Karnataka had requested to release foreign exchange of Rs. 12 lakhs for the construction of Kannada Bhawan in New York;

(b) whether there are large number of people from Karnataka in the U.S.;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government is ready to sanction Rs. 12 lakhs for the above Kannada Bhawan against which foreign exchange is sought to be released;

(d) if so, whether the foreign exchange to that extent has been released; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No such proposal has been received by this Ministry.

(b) The number of Indians residing in a particular country abroad is not maintained State-wise.

(c) The Government of India has no information.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Smuggling of Narcotics in Calcutta and Parts of North Bengal

2959. **PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta and parts of North Bengal districts are gradually turning into busy centres for smuggling narcotics;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the countries wherefrom the hashish and narcotics is being smuggled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Over the last few years, India has been increasingly facing the problem of transit traffic in heroin, charas and opium coming mostly from the countries in the Near and Middle East region and destined to western countries. Besides this region, Indo-Nepal border is also sensitive to the inward smuggling of ganja.

This is evident by the increasing trend in the quantities of drugs seized in the country. The quantities of drugs seized in West Bengal in 1985 also reflect this trend.

Supply of Adulterated Imported Sugar at Fair Price Shops in Delhi

2960. **PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that adulterated imported sugar is being sold at ration shops in the capital;

(b) If so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the defaulters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) The