

(e) The Government have taken a series of measures for boosting the export of engineering goods. These include, inter-alia, continuation and strengthening of International Price Reimbursement Scheme, liberalisation of imports for export production, link deals for exports and lines of credits to some countries.

#### Seizure of Heroin in Rajasthan

3722. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK :  
SHRI VIRDI CHANDER JAIN :  
SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :  
SHRI MANIK REDDY :  
SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' on 20th July, 1985 wherein it has been stated that heroin worth Rs. 16 crores had been seized in Rajasthan which is the biggest narcotic catch in the country's history;

(b) if so, the details of facts; and

(c) whether any action has been taken in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During an encounter on 17th July, 1985, between an armed gang of smugglers and BSF patrol party ex-BOP Panchala of Barmer Sector, the BSF seized 325.740 Kgs. of substance said to be heroin, the value of which according to BSF is Rs. 16.29 crores. No arrest was made. Six camels used by smugglers were killed, one injured and another captured alive.

(c) As the smugglers made good their escape no arrest was made. The contraband was handed over to the Customs authorities and the arms and ammunition to the local police by the BSF, for appropriate action.

#### Measures to Boost Export of Diamonds :

3723. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether export of diamonds which is Indian's premier export trade is declining rapidly ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to boost the export of diamonds ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) Diamond exports from India last year did not register the type of increases they had done in the preceding year. Exports during 1984-85 remained almost at the same level as in 1983-84. Facility to import essential equipment and tools under OGL, reduction in import duty on a number of essential equipment and tools and sponsoring of delegations to overseas markets are some of the measures taken to boost the export of diamonds.

#### Shifting of Regional Centre for Technology from Bangalore :

3724. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Regional Centre for Technology has been shifted from Bangalore ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka have requested the Union-Government not to shift this Centre ; and

(d) the site where this Centre has been shifted ?