(b) Three persons were arrested in this regard and prosecution against them has been sanctioned.

(c) The anti-smuggling agencies are alert against smuggling activitis, including that of gold and silver. Sophisticated equipments such as metal detectors and X-ray machines are being increasingly utilised. Close coordination is being maintaind among all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Accidents In Mines

4519. SHRI GAYA PRASAD
KORI:
SHRI HARI KEWAL
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of fatal accidents occurred in mines during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether some accidents occurred due to non-compliance of safety measures in the mines;

(d) if so, whether any accountability has been fixed on the employees responsible for the occurrence of such accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Iron Ore exports to Japan

4520. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL:Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the export of iron ore to Japan; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) and (b). Export of iron ore to Japan is being made keeping in view the quantities of iron ore available that are surplus to domestic requirements.

[English]

Loan to sick Units

4521. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI GUMAN MAL
LODHA:

Will the Minster of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Banks to harden stance against funding sick units" appearing in Financial Express dated June 10, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;