

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Government have no confirmation of any such links.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Guidelines for leasing Companies

5186. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of leasing and hire-purchase companies in the country;

(b) the number of such leasing and hire-purchase companies as are not paying any corporate tax;

(c) whether Government have evolved new guidelines for leasing companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b). The system of collection of information of the Department of Company Affairs, which maintains statistics about registration of Companies, does not yield separate data on leasing and hire-purchases companies in the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Data on Milk Production

5187. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any kind of inconsistencies have been noticed in the past by Government in regard to the scrutiny results of milk production by the Central Statistical Organisation under the National Sample Survey in comparison to the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the CSO has since stopped estimating milk production; if so, the reasons thereof and when this exercise is to be restarted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The estimates of milk production from the two sources are not available for the same year. The latest survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) which provides results on milk production relates to 30th round (July 1975—June 1976), while the official estimates of Ministry of Agriculture are available from the year 1977-78 onwards.

(c) The NSSO is not contemplating to conduct another similar survey in the near future. The Central Statistical Organisation, however, in connection with the National Income Estimates has been preparing the estimates of milk production. Since the official estimates of milk production are now available on an annual basis from the Ministry of Agriculture, it is proposed to adopt these estimates at the time of the revision of the base year of constant price series from 1970-71 to 1980-81.

Assets of customs officials of Trivandrum and Cochin Airports

5188. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any inquiry has been made into the assets of customs officials working at Trivandrum and Cochin Airports in Kerala during the past two years;

(b) if so, the number of such officials and the value of assets found disproportionate to their regular income; and

(c) the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The residence of one officer working at Trivandrum Airport was searched by CBI. Disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 2.02 lakhs had been found.