

Major items seized are: Gold, Watches, Synthetic fabrics and Yarn etc.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The anti-smuggling drive throughout the country has been intensified. The anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country particularly in vulnerable areas of sea coast, land border regions and airports remain alert to check and detect smuggling into the country. Sophisticated anti-smuggling equipments such as metal detectors, X-ray machines, Close Circuit T.Vs are utilised for prevention and detection of gold concealed on person of passengers and their baggage/in-cargo. Close co-ordination is maintained with all the concerned agencies in the prevention and detection of smuggling into the country.

Industrial Pollution

1593. SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints were received from different States against the industrial units for causing environmental pollution;

(b) if so, the number of complaints on which no action has so far been taken; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On receipt of each such complaint it is taken up with concerned State Governments, State Boards for Pollution Control and the Central Board for Pollution Control for remedial action.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Circulation of five paise coins

1594. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether five paise coin has lost its value in circulation;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in buses, banks, and business places five paise coins are not in use; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop the circulation of five paise coins?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c). Although the five paise coin has lost much of its value, measured in terms of its purchasing power and its use has diminished, particularly in Metropolitan areas, there is still a steady demand for these coins particularly in the rural areas and among traders and vendors. It is, therefore, not proposed to stop its circulation.

Credit deposit ratio

1595. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the credit deposit ratio in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): According to the information available from Reserve Bank of India the credit: deposit ratio of all Scheduled Commercial Banks, as at the end of December 1986, was 81.0 per cent in Maharashtra, 85.7 per cent in Karnataka, 93.5 per cent in Tamil Nadu and 50.3 per cent in West Bengal.

Rise in Rate of Inflation

1596. SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: