

guidelines on the aspect of international trade in potentially toxic chemicals and India broadly abides by them.

Seizure of Uncut Diamonds

2336. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of seizures of cut and uncut diamonds in the month of December, 1986 at Madras by the Customs officials and the C.B.I.;

(b) the value of the diamonds seized;

(c) whether some employees of the Indian Airlines were found involved in the smuggling of such diamonds;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent smuggling of diamonds in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). On 14th December, 1986, in pursuance of an information, the officers of Customs and C.B.I. at Madras intercepted 3 suitcases which had arrived from Singapore for transshipment to Bangalore via Madras. These suitcases were illegally removed from the cargo office after substitution with local suitcases containing old newspaper and magazines. As a result, 100 Kgs. of rough, uncut American diamonds worth Rs. 19.23 lakhs were recovered from the suitcases and seized under the Customs Act.

(c) and (d). In this connection, four persons, including three employees of the Indian Airlines were arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

(e) Anti-smuggling drive throughout the country has been intensified. Keeping in

view the trends in smuggling and seizures made, appropriate action is taken for prevention and detection of smuggling of contraband goods, including diamonds into the country.

UNDP Assistance for Electronic Projects

2337. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether United Nations Development Programme has agreed to assist India in implementing three major projects in the field of Electronics;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of aid likely to be received for the projects; and

(c) the time schedule for the completion of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following three projects have been signed for a total UNDP funding of US \$ 12.95 million :

(i) Education and Research in Computer Networking (ERNET). Total amount of aid likely to be received US \$ 6 million.

(ii) Knowledge-Based Computer System Development Programme (KBCS). Total amount of aid likely to be received US \$ 5.25 million.

(iii) Telematics Development and Promotion Programme (TDPP). Total amount of aid likely to be received US \$ 1.7 million.