

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent it will help the tax collection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) to (c). The Government has not yet set up the National Court of Direct Taxes.

#### **Operation to Detain Financers and Organisers of Smuggling etc.**

1277. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special operation was organised from October 1 to 17 to detain financers and organisers of smugglers, foreign exchange racketeers and drug traffickers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Special Operation Code Named 'Hard Rock' was organised during the period from 1st October to 17th October, 1988 to detain the Financers and Organisers of smuggling, foreign exchange racketeering and drug trafficking. During this Operation, 274 detention orders were issued and 152 persons have been actually detained under the conservation of foreign Exchange and prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 and 25 detention orders were issued and 22 persons have been actually detained so far under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

#### **Mechanisation of Tea Industry**

1278. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea industry is proposed to be mechanised;

(b) if so, the details of the same;

(c) the estimated expenditure involved therein;

(d) the target to be achieved in the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

#### **Electrification In Railways**

1279. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of the Railways to increasingly depend on renewable sources of energy like electricity for locomotion with a view to reduce the pressure on foreign exchange involved in the use of diesel;

(b) if so, comparable expenditure on such energy consumption as a percentage of total; and

(c) the target set for electrification for the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During 1987-88 the expenditure on electricity used for train haulage is about 25% of the total fuel expenditure of the Indian Railways.

(c) Tentatively, electrification of 3400 Route Kilometres is envisaged during the eighth Five Year Plan.