

[*Translation*]**Rate of Saving in Public and Private Sectors**

327. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of savings in both public and private sectors has declined continuously during the last three years and it has increased only in domestic sector and that too is inadequate among the poor sections due to disparity in the distribution of income ; and

(b) the measures taken to remove this disparity with a view to increase the savings rate in the Seventh Five Year Plan in order to meet the aforesaid situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) During the last three years i.e. 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84, the net rates of savings (i.e. net savings expressed as percentage of net domestic product at market prices) in the three broad institutional sectors of the Indian economy, i.e. (i) household sector (ii) Private Corporate Sector and (iii) Public Sector are as indicated below :—

**Net rate of savings (%)**

Year	Public Sector	Private Corporate Sector	Household Sector	Total
1981-82	3.4	0.9	12.3	16.6
1982-83	3.2	0.9	13.0	17.1
1983-84*	2.1	0.7	14.2	17.0

\* Quick estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation (Provisional).

Thus, there is a continuous decline in the Public Sector Saving rate from 1981-82 to 1983-84. The saving rate in the Private Corporate Sector remained stationary during 1981-82 and 1982-83 but declined marginally in 1983-84. In the household sector there was steady increase in the saving rate from 1981-82 to 1983-84. The overall net rate of savings has risen from 16.6% in 1981-82 to 17.1% in 1982-83 but declined only marginally to 17.0% in 1983-84 provisional estimates. It is not possible to say whether the saving rate is inadequate among poor sections due to disparity in the distribution of income, as a full-fledged income distribution survey has not so far been undertaken.

(b) The Seventh Five Year Plan, 1985-90 is still under formulation. The adoption of appropriate measures aimed

at removing the disparity in this regard will be part of the Seventh Plan formulation.

[*English*]**Smuggling Activities on Indo-Pak Border**

338. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether smuggling activities have been on the high side on Indo-Pakistan border ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action Government have taken to check these activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) The reports received by the Government indicate that the India-Pakistan border continues to be vulnerable to smuggling activities, due essentially to geographical factors, price differential in respect of various commodities, the constant attempts at diversification of routes by smugglers, etc. The value of contraband goods seized on the border during the year 1984 (upto November) was of the order of Rs. 2.8\* crores, as against Rs. 3.8 crores worth of goods seized in 1983.

The preventive and intelligence agencies of the Central and State Governments remain vigilant in the matter and appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in close co-ordination by the concerned Central and State Government authorities. The matter is also kept under constant review for appropriate action.

Stringent action is taken against the persons found involved in the smuggling activities both departmentally as well as through prosecution in a Court of Law. In appropriate cases, detention under COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to.

#### Presence of Foreign Powers in Indian Ocean

339. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing naval presence of certain foreign powers in the Indian Ocean ;

(b) whether he is also aware of the increasing frequency of attacks on our fishing vessels in this region ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to protect our interest in the Indian Ocean ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Over a

period of years there has been a general, though occasionally fluctuating, upward trend in the Naval presence of some foreign powers in the Indian Ocean.

(b) Except for increase in the attacks on our fishing vessels by Sri Lankan forces in the Palk Strait, there have been no other incidents.

(c) The Government of India constantly reviews the maritime security environment in the Indian Ocean and initiates appropriate measures to protect its interests. The Navy is also being strengthened.

#### Production and demand for coal

340. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

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SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of coal produced during the year 1984 ;

(b) the actual coal demand during 1984 ; and

(c) steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the production of coal in the coming years ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) The quantity of coal produced during the year 1984 is given below :

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	Production
1984 (Jan. to Dec, 184)	144.81

(b) The demand for coal during

\* provisional.