

S.T.C. and M.M.T.C. and their subsidiaries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Management has submitted its final report in which restructuring of STC and MMTC has been suggested for operational efficiency, improvement in activities and quality of service; and

(c) if so, what decision have Government taken on the recommendation of the Institute and when will it be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations made by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in regard to the restructuring of the STC and MMTC and their subsidiaries are being examined at appropriate levels and a decision on them is likely to be taken soon.

State Tourism Ministers' plea for Allocation of more funds for Tourism

3741. SHRI YADVENDRA DUTT:
SHRI CHATURBHUIJ:
SHRI C. K. JAFFER
SHARIEF:
SHRI MADHAVRAO
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministers of Tourism from States have submitted a memo to the Prime Minister stating that allotment made in the Sixth Plan is very meagre and they have passed a resolution also which they have forwarded to the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-SHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Resolution to this effect adopted at the recent State Tourism Ministers' Conference was presented to the Prime Minister. The various issues raised are being examined.

Rise in Price of Gold

3742. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether, in view of the fact that the domestic price of gold is still on the increase and smuggling racket of gold is also on the rise, Government will re-purchase the gold from the persons to whom auctioned in order to stabilise gold price and to curtail gold smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PAHTEL): No, Sir.

The question of Government's re-purchasing the gold sold in auction does not arise as the transactions are complete with the acceptance of the bids and delivery of the gold. Purchase of gold from the market by the Government will not by itself help in stabilising the gold prices in India or curtail gold smuggling.

Representation made by Akhil Bharat Sindhi Boli and Sahit Sabha, Bombay

3743. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received a communication dated 2nd October, 1978 along with a copy of a representation already made on 17th April, 1978 from Akhil Bharat Sindhi Boli and Sahit Sabha, Bombay with regard to "printing of value renderings and numericals on the Indian currency in Sindhi";

(b) if so, what are the specific demands made in the representation dated 17th April, 1978; and