

### Consumer Price Index

759. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state as to what is the consumer price index at present compared to that during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): The All India Industrial Workers' Consumer Price Index (1980=100) stood at 339 for May 1979 (the latest available) as against 323 for May 1978 and 318 for May 1977.

बीहू द्वारा भारत में व्यापार नेले के आयोजन की कवित कार्यवाही

760 श्री हुकम चन्ध कच्छवार : क्या बाहिरिय, नागरिक पुलिस तथा सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिनांक 15 मई, 1979 के हिन्दुस्तान में प्रकाशित इस आचार्य का समाचार कहाँ तक सही है कि चीन भारत में एक व्यापार नेले का आयोजन करना चाहता है, और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन सम्बन्ध में कोई पहल की है ?

बाहिरिय, नागरिक पुलिस तथा सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण कुमार शीवल) : (क) तथा (ख) सरकार ने इस समाचार को देखा है, लेकिन चीन के जनवादी गणराज्य से इस बारे में कोई सुझाव नहीं मिला है।

### Consignment Bound for Tehran

761. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs Collectorate at Bombay have discovered that a consignment bound for Tehran contained bricks and not socks as had been declared by the firm concerned;

(b) if so, facts thereof; and

(c) action taken or proposed to be taken against the concerned exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. According to reports received by Government, M/s. Juneja Exports, New Delhi, presented seven shipping bills covering 14,264 packages for export declaring the goods as cotton socks valued at about Rs. 2.36 crores and the consignees' name as M/s Imperial Iran'an Army, Teheran. On examination, most of the

packages were found to contain cotton rags and bricks. The goods were seized; and the case has been handed over to C.B.I. for thorough investigations.

### Alleged arrest of Foreign Nationals in Ahmedabad

762. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four foreign nationals have been arrested in Ahmedabad for alleged cheating of a bank by cashing stolen travellers cheques; and

(b) if so, the details regarding these foreign nationals and whether Indian Government have gathered information regarding their antecedents from the countries to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) & (b). The Ahmedabad Police had arrested Mr. Sluval Bernerdo Gucci, Mr. Pillipovic Sreto, Mr. Edward Miyamoto and Miss Kiyoko Mochizuki, all foreign nationals at Ahmedabad on allegations of forgery and cheating of certain branches of commercial banks in Ahmedabad by encasing stolen/lost foreign travellers cheques, on the basis of forged passports. On a request received from the State Police, these cases have since been taken over by Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation. The antecedents of the four foreign nationals are under verification.

### Impact of Price Rise of Raw Material on Production of Industrial Goods

763. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the price rise of all commodities in general and raw materials in particular has adversely affected the production of industrial goods and consequently the market prices of industrial goods have shot up very high; and

(b) what steps have Government taken or propose to take to tackle this problem effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) & (b). Between March 31 and the June 23, 1979 the Index of wholesale prices (1970-71=100) has risen by 5.9 per cent. While the index for raw-materials (i.e., primary non-food articles and minerals) has increased by 4.8