

are ripe for disposal and are lying with the Customs authorities as on 31st March, 1980 are given below:—

	(Value in lakhs)
	R.s.
1. Gold	87
2. Silver	3
3. Diamonds & Precious Stones .	91
4. Currency	18
5. Watches	196
6. Liquor	30
7. Electric goods	48
8. Synthetic Textiles	197
9. Baggage Items	75
10. Others	330
TOTAL	1075

(c) The seized and confiscated consumer goods are disposed of at fixed prices to:

- Military and para-military Organisations for sale to their personnel;
- National Cooperative Consumers' Federation for sale to bonafide consumers through Consumers' Cooperative Societies, Sahakari Bhandars, Super Bazar, etc.;
- Consumers directly through retail shops run by the Custom Department.
- H.M.T., in case of watches, for sale to public.

Report of High Power Technical Committee on re-rolling industry

5676. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high power technical committee on re-rolling industry

appointed by Government has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations made by the Technical Committee pertain to the reassessment of the capacity of the re-rolling mills, reservation of some steel items for production by them and other allied matters. These recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

Survey for precious metals in Himachal Pradesh

5677. PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey for the location of precious metals like gypsum, uranium etc.; in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the findings of this survey including the names of the metals located as also the names of the districts in which these deposits have been found; and

(c) the likely date by which the work of extraction of these metals would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Previous Metals include mainly Gold and Silver for which Geological Survey of India did not carry out any investigation in Himachal Pradesh as there were no reported occurrences of such metals in that State. Gypsum and Uranium do not come under precious metal category. A total reserve of 1.32 million tonnes of Gypsum has been estimated from the State mainly in the districts of Chamba and Sirmur. Investigations for Uranium