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XI. Metal Box Group	(23) Metal Box India Ltd.	Accounting period of the company has been changed over from F.Y. to year ending on 30th September.
XII. Jaipuria Group	(24) M/s. Swadeshi Mining & Mfg. Co. Ltd., Swadeshi House, Kanpur.	The assessee is filing returns of income disclosing loss for the previous assessment years. Notice u/s 139(2) has already been served during the F.Y. 1979-80 for assessment year 1979-80.
XIII. Bhiwandiwalla Group	(25) M/s Neons Signs (I) Ltd.	The Company has applied for extension on the grounds that the accounts of the company for the year ending 30-6-78 (A.Y. 1979-80) have not been audited for want of certain particulars.
XIV. M/s. Soorajmal Nagarnul Group	(26) M/s. Chemperan Sugar Co. Ltd. Sutherland House, Kanpur.	The Company had not filed return of income by 27-6-80. The return has since been filed on 29-8-80 for assessment year 1979-80.

Vijay Diamond

3723. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the 'Hindustan Times' dated 11th August, 1980 according to which the biggest piece of diamond, the Vijay weighing 44.45 carats was found in 1961 in shallow mines and auctioned in 1964, fetched over Rs. 4.12 lakh and of this rupees 2.52 lakh went as income-tax and Rs. 83,000 as royalty and the finder got only Rs. 73,000 of which the sales-tax department wanted a share and litigation was going on;

(b) whether it is a fact that about diamond mines operated by the National Minerals Development Corporation it is said that although a diamond weighing 44.45 carats was found in shallow mines no diamond weighing more than 22 carats was found in the primary mine of Majhagawan, the main source of diamonds;

(c) whether Government have received reports that smugglers slip in and out of the 350 sq. mile Panna

diamond fields with as much ease as they would wish despite official claims to the contrary; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The news item referred to has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The biggest diamonds so far recovered from the Majhagawan mine are of 29.25 carats and 21.29 carats.

(c) and (d). According to the information available, the diamondiferous area of Panna is 100 Kms. long and 15 Kms. wide, in which the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is holding lease of only 126.31 hectares in Majhagawan and 454.34 hectares in Ramkheria. At present the Ramkheria mine is closed and only Majhagawan mine is being operated. No reports have been received in respect of NMDC's mines to suggest that smugglers are operating there. Adequate security arrangements have been made at these mines.