

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) and (c). According to reports received by Government, the Gujarat coast, including the Saurashtra coast, is vulnerable to smuggling. The Customs authorities in Gujarat have been able to unearth, the activities of several major gangs of smugglers operating in the region during the recent past.

(b) The value of smuggled goods seized by the Customs authorities in Gujarat, including Saurashtra, during the period 1977 to 1981 is given below:—

(Value:)	Rs. in lakhs)
Year	Value
1977	49.40
1978	89.28
1979	69.60
1980	145.44
1981	324.58

(d) The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs Department along the Coast of Gujarat, including Saurashtra has been strengthened. The Customs authorities are conducting regular sea, shores and road patrolling to prevent any attempts at smuggling in the region.

Visit of World Bank President

2219. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:**

SHRI HARINATHA MISRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of the World Bank, Mr. Clausen during his recent visit to India has assured to make up for the shortfall in concessional credit from International Development Association; and

(b) if so, the net outcome of the talks with the President of the World Bank in this context?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). During his discussions with Government, Mr. Clausen indicated that to the extent possible the shortfall in concessional assistance in 1981-82 (July, 81 to June) will be made good through increased commitments by IBRD.

Upgradation of Hydrographic School in Goa

2220. **SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to upgrade the Hydrographic School in Goa as a national Centre; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). The National Hydrographic School at Goa is the National Centre for training in Hydrography and Defence Oceanography. It trains candidates from the Navy and the civilian hydrographic organisations of all the maritime States of India. Training is also imparted to candidates sponsored from the developing countries of Asia and Africa.

Cut in Allocation of Interest-Free Credit from World Bank

2221. **SHRI B. V. DESAI:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether World Bank imposes an interest payment burden of over 100 million dollars a year on India which will now have to pay 13 per cent interest on nearly 800 millions dollars on borrowing which it should have normally got interest free;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard; and