

को प्रतिबोधिता में भाग लेने के लिये विधाने बाजी के हथियार तथा आवश्यक कारतूस आदि का लाइसेंस ख़रीद करने में उदारता से काम लें।

Smuggling

311. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1679 on the 8th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the adjudication of the offence of keeping contraband gold in S. S. "DUMRA" has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The case has not yet been adjudicated.

Wealth Tax

312. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**
Shri Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wealth-tax is helping Government considerably in detecting cases of concealment of other taxes;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected during 1958 so far, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount collected through these cases during the same period, State-wise?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The Wealth-tax Act, 1957 received the assent of the President on 12-9-57 and the actual assessment work started only in December, 1957. Thus during the financial year 1957-58 the period covered by actual assessments was only four months, while we are still in the midst of the financial year 1958-59. It is, therefore, too early yet to assess the effect of this Act in detecting cases of concealment of other

taxes. However, it may be stated that the importance of this tax primarily consists in its preventing the concealment of sources of income.

The information required in parts (b) and (c) of the question is given below according to the charges of the Commissioners of various States. As some of the Commissioners hold jurisdiction over more than one State, separate figures in respect of some of the States are not readily available.

	(b)	(c)
Commissioner's charge	No. of cases detected during 1958 (upto 31-10-58)	Total amount collected through these cases during 1958 (upto 31-10-58)
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	4,093
2. Assam . . . . .	..	..
3. Bihar & Orissa	3	1,19,000
4. Bombay	10	4,47,658
5. Delhi & Rajasthan . . . . .	..	..
6. Kerala . . . . .	..	..
7. Madras . . . . .	..	..
8. Mysore	1	..
9. Madhya Pradesh	1	..
10. Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	..	..
11. Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	..	..
12. West Bengal	2	91,755
Total	44	6,62,516

U.S. Rocket 'Pioneer'

313. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Naushir Bharucha:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Air Force launched a rocket