

(b) Since the Tripartite Committee for considering revision in DA formula for Central Public Sector employees is continuing its deliberations, it would not be in public interest to give details of discussions at this stage.

Deterioration of Country's External Resources Position

1124. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country's external resources position has progressively

deteriorated after India began withdrawals against IMF's credit line of SDR 5 \$ billion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the fact in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The position is indicated in the table below.

(Rs. crores)

As on	External Foreign Exchange	Resources SDRs	Position Total
	Reserve		
31-3-81	4822.12	496.74	5318.86
31-3-82	3354.47	426.13	3780.60
31-3-83	4265.26	285.89	4551.15
10-2-84	4927.59	198.51	5126.10

Gold Confiscated from Smugglers Through Raids

1125. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of gold confiscated by Government from smugglers through raids conducted since 1977 till date throughout the country;

(b) the quantity of gold out of it sold by Government since 1977 till date; and

(c) the quantity of such gold remaining with Government and where it is kept now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) Pursuant to the announcement made by the then Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28-2-1978, out of the non-monetary stock of gold held by the Government which includes confiscated gold, the Reserve Bank of India sold on behalf of the Government a total quantity of 12.956 tonnes of gold in 14 auctions held between May-October, 1978.

(c) It is not possible to specify the quantity of confiscated gold relating to period 1977-83 remaining with Government as it is not identifiable separately. However, the total quantity of confiscated gold held by Government as on 31-12-1983, is as under :—

(i) Held at Mint2,025,158.4	fine grammes
(ii) Held at R.B.I....	25,729, 713.9	fine grammes