

duty round-the-clock, these airports also have a panel of doctors/hospitals whose services could be made use of during emergency. In addition, part-time doctors are also available to provide routine medical care. The medical units at international airports are equipped with adequate number of beds, stretchers, ambulances etc.

The domestic airports are also provided with adequate facilities for first-aid. A list of doctors located in the vicinity of the aerodrome is maintained by the traffic control tower for being called whenever required.

(d) The type and level of medical facilities at international airports vary from country to country. Hence, the details of medical facilities provided at the international airports in other countries are not available with the Government.

Cigarettes manufactured by M/s Duncan Agro Industries Ltd, Calcutta

5614. SHRI R. MUTHUKUMARAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that a Calcutta-based cigarette manufacturing company M/s. Duncan Agro Industries Ltd., has introduced a product called Smokette filter Tipped which is nothing but cigarettes manufactured out of turmeric leaves;

(b) whether he is also aware that Smokette filter Tipped Cigarettes which contains nicotine essence of tobacco is being cleared without payment of cigarette excise duty under tariff item 4 (2);

(c) has Government accepted the claim of the Company that Smokette is not a cigarette even though the company has printed on the packet "low nicotine Smokettes", which will indicate that it contains either tobacco in leaf form or extracts thereof and if so, on what grounds, if

not, how the product is allowed to be cleared without payment of duty; and

(d) whether Government propose to investigate the matter thoroughly ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b) M/s. Duncan Tobacco Company located in Andhra Pradesh, is reported to be manufacturing "Smokette Filter Tipped" made of turmeric leaves, and with low Nicotine content. If the product does not contain tobacco, it may not merit classification as "Cigarettes" in the category of Manufactured Tobacco under Item 4. II (2) of the Central Excise Tariff. However this aspect is presently under examination.

(c) and (d) "Smokette" has been tentatively classified under Item No. 68 of C.E.T. pending a final decision regarding its classification.

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समाचार पत्रों को दिए गए
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5615. श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पाण्डे : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बैंकों और अन्य वित्तीय संस्थानों ने कितने और किन-किन समाचार पत्रों को अग्रिम ऋण दिए हैं और समाचार पत्रवार कितनी धनराशि के ऋण दिए गए हैं और उन समाचार पत्रों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने ऋण अदा कर दिए हैं उनकी और अभी कितनी धनराशि के ऋण बकाया हैं ;

(ख) इस संबंध में उन ऋणों पर कितने प्रतिशत ब्याज दर लगायी गई है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) मार्च, 1984