

(a) the names of smugglers who have been arrested during the month of July, 1984 in each State ; and

(b) the nature of action taken against each smugglers by Government ?

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

Development of Chetak by Defence Research Establishment

2984. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Defence Research Establishment has developed a superior type battle tank called "Chetak" ; and

(b) if so, its main features and when its production on a large scale will start for use in the Indian Army ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) A Main Battle Tank (MBT) is under development with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

(b) When fully developed, it will be contemporary with the world class MBT's. The tank will go into production after its successful development and trials by the users.

Vijayanta Tanks

2985. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the continuance of Vijayanta tanks ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c). Government have decided to modernise the Vijayanta Tank fleet with a view to maintaining the combat effectiveness of the Army.

The Vijayanta Tanks so modernised would fully meet the present and future requirements of the Defence Forces.

Investment by U.S. Companies in India

2986. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the U.S. Overseas Investment Corporation (OPIC) which coordinates and advises U.S. Companies seeking foreign partners, shows that U.S. Companies are encouraged to invest in India ; and

(b) if so, the details about (i) investments in India and (ii) collaboration agreements with Indian companies by U.S. companies during 1983-84 ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Presumably, the Honourable Member is referring to a recent publication of the OPIC entitled "Investing in India—A guide to US-Indo Business Collaborations". This publication, *inter alia* notes that India offers a stable political and sound economic environment for business collaborations.

(b) Information regarding approvals given by Government for foreign technical/financial collaborations between Indian and U.S. firms is regularly published by the Indian Investment Centre as part of its monthly newsletter. Copies of this newsletter are available in the Parliament Library.

Financial Assistance to States to Cover Budgetary Deficit

2987. SHRI AJIT BAG : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise budgetary surplus or deficit in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 (budget) ; and