

Export of Alcohol from U. P.

458. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have pressed the U. P. Government to export more alcohol to foreign countries;

(b) the quantity and value of alcohol exported to other countries during the last three years and their names, and

(c) whether the alcohol was exported direct by the U. P. Government or by the Centre or through some agency ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a). No, Sir. However, some quantity of alcohol was released for export in the alcohol year 1970-71 as the supply position was comfortable

(b) The information is as under .

Year	Quantity in M. Tonnes	Rs.	Name of the Country
1969		... Nil ...	
1970	5,219 Metric tonnes	Rs 33 11 lakhs	Switzerland
1971	2,034 Metric tonnes	Rs 12.36 lakhs	U. K
	7,198 Metric tonnes	Rs. 45.07 lakhs	Japan

(c) Through the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd.

Smuggling of articles from Bangla Desh into India

469 DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large quantity of jute betelnuts and other commodities has found its way into India from Bangla Desh after Liberation; and

(b) if so, the persons responsible for the smuggling and the steps taken to check it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Production of atomic weapons by India

460. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the Book "Military Balance 1971-72" (published by the Institute of International Social Studies, London), wherein India has been enumerated amongst the six countries in the world, which are capable of producing atomic weapons and has been placed at number four from the viewpoint of military strength; and

(b) whether Government have again examined the question of producing atomic weapons and, if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) (a). The Government have seen the publication "The Military Balance 1971-72" published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London and not the Institute of International Social Studies, London. There is, however, no mention in this publication to India being "among the six countries in the world which are capable of producing atomic weapons" or being "placed at number four from the view point of military strength."

(b) The Government's policy on the manufacture of nuclear weapons has been explained in Parliament on several occasions. It is to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes only. Government's policy in this regard remains unchanged.