

Gold recovered from Passengers at Palam Airport

1945. Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
Shri Ranjit Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 500 tolas of gold was recovered from two passengers at the Palam Airport on the 10th April, 1967;

(b) if so, the action taken against the persons concerned; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to stop such smuggling in future?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) On 10th April, 1967, 500 tolas of gold bearing foreign markings was seized from a passenger at the Palam airport when he arrived from Bombay.

(b) Besides the passenger concerned, two other persons have been arrested. Investigations are in progress. The three persons arrested have since been released on bail.

(c) The Customs officers are already alert. Besides maintaining strict vigilance at all vulnerable places of smuggling from abroad, intelligence is gathered from various sources about the activities and movements of persons suspected to be engaged in smuggling gold.

Blue Prints of Farrakka Barrage Project

1848. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri George Fernandes:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blue prints of the Farrakka Barrage Project which were taken out;

(b) to whom they were distributed;

(c) whether any blue print is missing;

(d) whether a copy has found its way to Pakistan;

(e) if so, whether Government have examined/inquired into the security aspect of this; and

(f) the results of this examination/inquiry?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). It is not clear which particular plans or blue prints, the hon. Member is referring to. Plans and blue prints are supplied to all those concerned with the planning, design and execution of the Project.

(c) to (f). These relate to a matter, which is under adjudication in a court of law at Calcutta.

Nursing Career

1847. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri George Fernandes:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
Shri M. J. Patel:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that girls/women in States other than Kerala are not coming forward to take nursing career; and

(b) the steps the Central and State Governments have taken to offer inducements such as stipends/hostels/living quarters to attract girls in larger numbers?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) No.

(b) Trainees, undergoing training for Diploma in Nursing, whether in Central Government or State Government institutions are paid stipends and provided with hostel accommoda-