

Price of Gold

5439. Shri Maheswar Nalk: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the latest trend of the price of gold in the country; and

(b) how the latest price compares with the price prevalent immediately before the Gold Bond Scheme was introduced?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) In recent months, the price of gold has shown an uptrend.

(b) The closing price of 14 carat gold in Bombay on May 2, 1966, was Rs. 90.75 per 10 grams as compared to Rs. 78.25 per 10 grams on October 26, 1965, i.e., just before the floatation of the National Defence Gold Bonds, 1980.

Tribal Welfare

5440. Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Satyanarayana:

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to refer to the statement made by the Planning Minister in the House on the 7th April, 1966 regarding the backwardness of the tribal areas and state the special schemes which have been drawn out or are under consideration for speedy development of the tribals in general and Adivasis in particular?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): The term 'Adivasis' is a synonym for tribals. Particulars of schemes for the welfare of tribals are given in the list laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6320/66].

Circular Railway around Calcutta

5441. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to refer to the reply

given to Unstarred Question No. 1015 on the 25th February, 1966 and state:

(a) the progress since made by the Metropolitan study team appointed by Government to study the possibilities for relieving Calcutta's traffic problem and examining the question of introduction of Circular Railway; and

(b) the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). The Study Team on Metropolitan Transport, constituted by the Committee on Plan Projects, have asked the Eastern Railway to undertake a preliminary engineering feasibility study of the Circular Railway Project. A traffic demand survey will also be undertaken by the Eastern Railway in co-operation with the Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation.

मद्रास में घड़ियों की तस्करी

5442. श्री मुकम चन्द कछवाय :
श्री बड़े :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बातों की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय उत्पादन-शुल्क अधिकारियों ने 7 अप्रैल, 1966 को मद्रास में 30,000 रुपये के मूल्य की घड़ियाँ और ब्लेड बरगमद किये ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो घड़ियों और ब्लेडों की पृथक्-पृथक् संख्या कितनी थी और वे किस व्यक्ति के पास में पकड़े गये थे ; और

(ग) ये चीजें किस देश अथवा देशों में बनी हुई थीं तथा सम्बन्धित व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री जशोन्द चौधरी) :

(क) से (ग). केन्द्रीय उत्पादन-शुल्क अधिकारियों ने 7 अप्रैल, 1966 को मद्रास में श्री एफ.०