

(ख) कार्य जून, 1969 के अन्त तक पूरा हो जायेगा।

Value of confiscated gold and silver

1893. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of gold and silver that has been confiscated by the Customs authorities and the Enforcement Department during the last three months;

(b) whether teenage students are being utilised to carry on the smuggling of gold; and

(c) whether any international gang is operating in India in collaboration with the Indian smugglers?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) During the period from 1st August, 1968 to 31st October, 1968, 552 kgms. of gold valued approximately at Rs. 47 lakhs at the international rate and 22,443 kgms. of silver valued approximately at Rs. 106 lakhs were confiscated by the Customs and Central Excise authorities. Nothing was confiscated by the Enforcement Directorate.

(b) Stray cases of students being utilised as carriers of smuggled gold were noticed.

(c) International gangs, some members of which may be Indians, operate in smuggling of gold into India.

Negotiation with Foreign countries for sale of Potassium Salt

1894. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:
SHRI GADILINGANA
GOWD:
SHRI P. K. DEO:
SHRI R. K. AMIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are negotiating with Hungary 2371 (a) LSD—4.

about the sale of potassium salt manufactured in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also made attempts to negotiate similar deals with other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI RAGHURAM-AIAH): (a) to (d). The Indian drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., a Government of India Undertaking is negotiating at present with Medimpex of Hungary for the sale of potassium salt of Penicillin. M/s. Pliva of Yugoslavia have also contacted to import 350 Kgs. of Sodium Penicillin and 5 tonnes of fortified Procaln Penicillin.

Pending finalisation of negotiations with the foreign parties it will not be in the public interest to divulge the details of the arrangements.

Target for Fertilizer production

1895. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:
SHRI GADILINGANA
GOWD:
SHRI P. K. DEO:
SHRI R. K. AMIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest target fixed for fertilizer production in India for 1971-72; 1975-76 and 1979-80; and

(b) how these targets compare in relation to our demands during those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) On the assumption that the fertilizer projects now under consideration will be approved and implemented on schedule, the