The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) The allegations are being verified.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Smuggled Goods Seised in Bembay

1585. Shri Ram Sewak Yadav: Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaiya: Shri Bade: Shri Vishram Prass4:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 508 on the 20th July, 1969 regarding smuggled goods seized in Bombay and state:

- (a) whether the investigations have since been completed into the matter;
- (b) if so, the action taken by Government against the persons concerned?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is under adjudication.

Reserve Bank Employees

1586. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the highly qualified Cash Department employees of the Reserve Bank of India have less promotional avenues than those on clerical side: and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chandhuri): (a) and (b). It cannot be said that the cash department employees of the Reserve Bank have less avenues for promotion than those employed on the general side. It is the policy of the Bank not to recruit highly qualified persons for the cash department, the work being of a routine nature, but any person who might graduate or acquire other banking

qualification after joining service in the cash department is eligible for transfer to the general side departments with protection of pay facility.

Electric Cromateria

1587. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any scheme to assist the establishment of Electric crematoria in different parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details and the criteria of the scheme?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Dependence on Fereign Aid

1588. Shri M. S. Murti: Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 30th September, 1966 that the Minister for Iron and Steel, while addressing the progressive group on the Fourth Plan in Bombay reported to have said that too much dependence on foreign aid will make the Nation "lose its soul";
- (b) if so, whether due attention has been paid to this aspect while drafting the Fourth Plan; and
- (c) the steps taken to avoid dependence on foreign aid?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) Yes, Sir. The account of the speech made by the Minister of Iron and Steel to the "Progressive Group" in Bombay in the press report which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 30th September, 1966 is misleading in several respects.

(b) and (c). The objective of self-reliance and self-generating growth is embodied in the broad strategy of our