

Qty. 1000/M. Ton

Value : Rs/Crore

	Production		Export	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1988-89	1388.6	N.A.	223.5	239.07
1989-90	1304.3	N.A.	236.7	296.40
1990-91	1429.9	N.A.	225.9	298.84

**Gold Trust or Bond Scheme**

345. SHRI SIMON MARANDI:  
SHRI RAMESH CHAND  
TOMAR:  
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.  
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a gold trust or gold bond scheme;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) the total number and of bonds to be released and the main conditions regarding their redemption;

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be introduced;

(e) whether the Government propose to allow import of gold by Non-resident Indians and issue gold bonds to them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir. However, a number of suggestions have been received

by the Government from individuals as well as political parties to introduce Gold bond Scheme. These are being examined in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.

(b) to (f). Does not arise.

[English]

**Widening of Vijayawada Ongole Section of National Highways No. 5 to six lanes**

346. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vehicular traffic on Vijayawada-Ongole Section of National Highway No. 5 has increased considerably;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to widen this portion of National Highway to Six Lanes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Increase in traffic on National Highways is a continuous phenomenon. Vijayawada-Ongole Section of NH No. 5 does not have