

(a) whether smuggling of electronic items such as V.C.Rs. V.C.Ps. etc. is on the increase;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the countries from where such electronic items are being smuggled; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the smuggling of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Available re-

ports indicate that electronic goods such as video cassette recorders and video cassette players, etc., continue to be sensitive to smuggling into India. The value of seizures of electronic goods for the last four years as given in the Table below, however, show an increasing trend. A substantial part of this value of seizures in 1991 is contributed by computer parts and accessories and partly by video cassette players and video cassette recorders.

Seizures of Electronic Goods

(Value in Rs. lakhs)

1988	1989	1990	1991 (till mid-November)
2424	2792	2945	4980 (provisional)

(b) Electronic goods of Japanese origin continue to be favoured for smuggling into India by smuggling syndicates operating from Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

(c) The anti-smuggling agencies are on the alert to check the smuggling of these items. The emerging trends and new modus operandi are being studied and disseminated to the field formations for obtaining better results. Close co-ordination is also being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings

*129. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has since finalised any scheme for disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings

as one of the measures for mobilisation of resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) As announced in the Budget Speech, Government have decided to disinvest part of the equity in selected public sector undertakings.

(b) The details of the scheme are under finalisation.

Accidents on National Highways

*130. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents on National Highways during the last three years and the extent of loss of public property;

(b) whether most of accidents occurred due to the absence of dividers on the roads;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to construct dividers on the National Highways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The reported number of road accidents on National Highways during the last three years is given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of accidents</i>
1988	61950
1989	70627
1990	72807

Details of loss of public property are not being collected and as such are not available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Road dividers are being provided only on high traffic density National Highways routes, subject to availability of funds and other inter-se priorities.

Note:

- The number of road accidents on National Highways in the State of Haryana, Kerala and West Bengal are estimated based on the figures of road accidents on the National Highways in these

States during 1987.

- The number of road accidents on National Highways in Haryana, West Bengal and Delhi are based on the figures of road accidents on the National Highways in these States during 1987.
- The number of road accidents on National Highways in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, West Bengal and Orissa are their 1989 figures.

Maintenance of National Highways

*131. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of each National Highway passing through different States and Union Territories;

(b) the amount spent on the maintenance of each Highway during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the proper maintenance of the Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):