

a cost of Rs. 12.6 lakh to reduce rock dust emissions. This is in the commissioning stage.

Fake Currency

4051. SHRI D.S. AHIRE :
 SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
 SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
 SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
 SHRI MOTILAL VORA :
 SHRI ANUP LAL YADAV :
 SHRI K.L. SHARMA :
 SHRI RAJBANSHI MAHTO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fake currency are in circulation in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and estimated amount of fake currency seized during the last three years, State/Union-Territory wise;

(c) the number of fake currency rackets busted during the said period, State/Union-Territory wise;

(d) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to educate the people in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government there-to alongwith the measures taken to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) The circulation of fake currency notes has been reported, from time to time, from some parts of the country.

(b) and (c) Available information in this regard is given in the enclosed statement (Annexure).

(d) According to available information, 195 persons were arrested from different parts of the country during the last two years.

(e) and (f) The Reserve Bank of India issues press releases, from time to time, to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes.

In order to combat counterfeiting, currency notes are now printed with additional security features. The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a Special Unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that such currency notes are not smuggled into the country.

Statement

Counterfeit Notes Recovered/Seized during the Years 1995 to 1997

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Total Value of Counterfeit notes recover/seized during the years		
		1995	1996	1997
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22550	21940	35742
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1000	0
3.	Assam	3600	1620	13085
4.	Bihar	45040	38530	34890
5.	Goa	22790	0	310
6.	Gujarat	42460	66250	91440
7.	Haryana	10	2120	2090
8.	Himachal Pradesh	600	300	1110
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
10.	Karnataka	62184	83982	99770
11.	Kerala	17900	14964	52540
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2490	1180	750
13.	Maharashtra	181900	215670	241592
14.	Manipur	10800	0	30300
15.	Meghalya	0	0	0
16.	Mizoram	0	2000	700
17.	Nagaland	500	0	87100
18.	Orissa	3790	1710	5990
19.	Punjab	0	600	420
20.	Rajasthan	41710	50460	205930
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	67080	48912	100470
23.	Tripura	700	300	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	41820	30706	79932
25.	West Bengal	59450	36671	74840
26.	A & N Islands	0	0	43700
27.	Chandigarh	1500	2500	2300
28.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	100
30.	Delhi	218680	125350	250770
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	130	0	5900
Total (All-India)		845684	746765	1461771