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Telephone Expenses in H.Z.L.

5825. SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of telephone calls made by the employees of Hindustan Zinc Limited to Udaipur, Jaipur and Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) whether these calls were made according to the rules and regulations of the above company?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The cost of telephone calls made by employees of Hindustan Zinc Limited to Udaipur, Jaipur and Delhi cannot be ascertained. However the total cost of telephone calls made by the employees of Hindustan Zinc Ltd. to other offices including all the units and liaison offices of the Company during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 has been as under:—

Year	Cost (Rs.)
1	2
1986-87	25,79,488.00
1987-88	33,89,108.00
1988-89	53,79,621.00

(b) Yes, Sir.

Smuggled Goods' Market

5826. DR. BANGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggled foreign goods are sold in the markets of Bombay resulting

in huge loss of income tax daily; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected so far and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). During January to March, 1990, contraband goods to the tune of Rs. 21.37 lakhs were seized at Bombay in 205 cases booked by the Customs authorities. 4 persons were apprehended in the above cases.

In the year 1989-90, certain persons were found having possession of imported steel sheets and diamonds which were not accounted for the purposes of the Income Tax and the goods have been seized.

[*English*]

Ratio of Direct and Indirect Taxes to GDP

5827. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of direct and indirect taxes to the GDP;

(b) how does it compare with the same in other developing countries;

(c) whether Government propose to change this ratio as a part of long term economic policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The ratio of Central Government direct and indirect taxes (gross) to GDP during the year 1988-89 worked out to 2.3 per cent and 8.9 per cent respectively.

(b) The ratio of "Taxes on Income,