

years are given below:

		<i>(Value : Rs. in Crores)</i>		
		1988	1989	1990 Upto 16.4.90
1.	Value of all contraband seized	443.14	554.59	196.39
2.	Value of gold seized	200.52	259.60	43.28
3.	Value of silver seized	10.56	67.57	45.54
4.	Number of persons arrested	3255	3884	910
5.	Number of persons prosecuted	2281	2028	448
6.	Number of persons detained under COFEPOSA Act, 1974.	1169	1114	228

*Figures are provisional.

(c) 65 Officers/staff of the Customs and Central Excise department were found to be aiding/abetting smuggling activities during the last three calendar years, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

Investment by Financial Institutions in Private Sector

5900. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Companies private sector have borrowed huge sums from the public financial institutions, thus reducing their own share-holding to less than 20 per cent; and

(b) whether Government propose to withdraw these large sums from private sector to be reinvested in selected public sector undertakings which are in need for further investments?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). All India

Development Financial Institutions, i.e. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) provide financial assistance to all viable projects which are in conformity with national priorities. Such financial assistance is provided to public limited companies in the private, public or joint sectors and to cooperative societies. Such assistance is also extended to private limited companies in certain cases.

Financing of the units are subject *inter-alia* to norms in respect of promoters contribution. Such contribution can be in the form of share capital, internal generations, additional capital or unsecured deposits.

Export of Granite Stones

5901. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the States from which Granite stones are exported;