

(b) if so, the details/facts of the case and action taken thereon; and

(c) the preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Available reports do not indicate large scale smuggling of coal from Gujarat into Pakistan at present. The Customs authorities remain alert against smuggling. Close co-ordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling.

#### Price List under Central Excise Rules

1445. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval of price list under Central Excise Rules are not being promptly approved by Collectors of Delhi and Chandigarh Region; and

(b) the details of the price list pending with these Collectorates and the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The price lists are being approved promptly by the Delhi and Chandigarh Central Excise Collectorates.

(b) In Collectorate of Central Excise, Delhi total No. of Price lists pending as on 31-7-90 was 1266 out of which 1258 price lists were pending for less than 3 months & only 8 price lists were pending for more than 3 months. In Collectorate of Central Excise, Chandigarh total No. of Price lists pending as on 31-7-90 was 109, out of which 108 Price lists were pending for less than 3 months & only 1 Price list was pending for more than 3 months. Considering the quantum of work-load relating to this item of

work, this pendency is quite reasonable.

#### Functioning of Alwar T.V. Relay Station

1446. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. programmes from Alwar T.V. relay station during the period from February to April, 1990 could not be viewed clearly; and

(b) if so, details thereof and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The TV Transmitter at Alwar relayed programmes via ARABSAT Satellite during the period from 21st January, 1990 to 7th August, 1990. The quality of service derived from this satellite was somewhat inferior to that derived from INSAT-IB satellite used earlier for relay of TV Service. However, the quality was of acceptable viewing standards. The transmitter at Alwar is now relaying service via INSAT-ID and there has been discernible improvement in the quality of the Service.

#### Indo China Joint Group on Trade and Economic Relations

1447. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:  
SHRI R.N. RAKESH:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-China Joint Group on Trade and Economic Relations has been established to discuss the steps to improve bilateral trade