

1976 or have you stopped further supplies to the State Government? Will you recover the dues together with interest if they fail to pay the outstanding dues?

SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH : We have not stopped the supplies. The supplies are being made. Stoppage of this facility will create difficulties. We have implemented a decision w.e.f. 1-12-1983 according to which they will have to make advance or cash payment for their future purchases. So far as outstanding dues are concerned, a system has been evolved and we hope that the objective will be achieved thereby.

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : But, what are the reasons?

SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH : The Reserve Bank of India are not their bankers and hence this delay.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Smuggling of Indian Currency to Pakistan for Extremist Operations in India

*265. **SHRI PRATAPSIKH BAGHEL :**
SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian currency worth crores of rupees was clandestinely taken to Pakistan to pay the extremists operations in India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and action taken to stop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The Government have no information that Indian currency worth crores of rupees was being smuggled, out of the country to Pakistan for extremists operations in India. However, Border Security Force and Customs authorities have seized Rs. 40.00 lakhs (provisional) of Indian currency during the first seven months of 1985 from Indo-Pakistan border as against Rs. 1.10 lakhs of Indian currency seized during the whole of 1984.

The drive against smugglers has been state intensified on the Indo-Pak border. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs Department in the region has been re-inforced in terms of manpower and equipment joint ambushes, raids and patrols with the local police and other preventive agencies are organised by Border Security Force. Additional companies of Border Security Force have been deployed on Punjab-Pak border. Dog squads and mounted patrolling have been pressed into service to intercept and apprehend ex-filtrators and infiltrators. Observation towers have also been erected to watch movements of infiltrators. The trends of smuggling and seizures made in the region are kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial action as warranted.

[Translation]

Setting up of Super Zink Smelter Plant in Rajasthan

*267. **PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a site for setting up of a Super Zink Smelter Plant in Rajasthan has been selected;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chittorgarh is the most suitable place from technical point of view;

(c) if so, the time by which the work for the setting up of this plant will be started in Chittorgarh;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Hindustan Zinc Limited who have drawn up a proposal for setting up a new lead-zinc smelter, based on Rampura-Agucha lead-zinc deposits, have proposed location of the smelter at Chanderiya (near Chittorgarh) on techno-economic considerations.

(c) Investment decision on the project is pending consideration in the context of the resource constraint during the Seventh Plan.