

(c) The number of smugglers arrested during 1969-70 was 111 and during 1970-71, 211.

(d) The value of goods seized during 1969-70 was Rs. 49,02,578 and during 1970-71 Rs. 75,37,498.

(e) Yes, Sir, there are some armed smugglers operating on this border and there have been a number of assaults on the Customs staff. The following steps have been taken to deal with the armed smugglers :

- (i) Arrangements have been made for the supply of rifles and revolvers to the Customs Preventive parties on the Indo-Nepal Border.
- (ii) The man power in the preventive parties has been increased.
- (iii) One Company of C.R.P. has been deployed in the Forbesganj Division of Patna Collectorate for prevention of jute smuggling to Nepal.
- (iv) A platoon each of C.R.P. Personnel has been temporarily diverted for a few months to the Muzaffarpur and Motihari Customs Divisions for prevention of smuggling.
- (v) Close liaison is maintained with the State Police Authorities on the Indo-Nepal border to provide help and protection to the Customs Staff engaged in the prevention of smuggling.

Setting up of a Shipyard at Haldia

*588. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Chamber of Commerce has urged Government to set up a shipyard at Haldia ; and

(b) if so, Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are examining the matter.

Amount of Money in Circulation

*589. SHRI N.E. HORO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the amount of money in circulation in the country during the last two years upto the 31st December, 1970 ; and
- (b) the percentage of increase in circulation, yearwise during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Money supply with the public amounted to Rs. 6799 crores as on the last Friday of December 1970 as against Rs. 6036 crores as on the last Friday of December 1969 and Rs. 5389 crores as on the last Friday of December 1968. The annual rate of increase in money supply worked out to 12 per cent between end-December 1968 and end-December 1969 and 12.6 per cent between end-December 1969 and end-December 1970.

Cases Involving Arrears of Income-Tax Above Rs. 5 Lakhs

*590. SHRI S.R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of the parties in respect of whom arrears of income-tax of Rs. 5 lakhs and above are outstanding ;
- (b) the number of cases pending before the High Courts and Tribunals ; and
- (c) the steps taken to clear the backlog in view of Government's assurance some time ago that all pending cases of assessment would be settled in two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K.R. GANESH) : (a) The information as on