

at approximately Rs. 100 crores. From 7th March, 1990 the import of pig iron has been placed under OGL for actual users. The outgo of foreign exchange will depend on actual imports of pig iron in 1990-91.

(c) The pig iron industry is already de-licensed. A policy decision has been taken to encourage domestic production of pig iron in the private sector and necessary steps are being taken to implement this policy.

Import of Cars for International Conferences

881. SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the import of cars for use in the international conferences; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and saving of foreign exchange anticipated?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Under the Import and Export Policy 1988-91, there is no provision for import of cars for International Conference purposes.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Income Tax and Wealth Tax Raids

882. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted raids on business establishments in different parts of the country during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the raids?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF

MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. during the current financial year, i.e., from 1.4.89 to 28.2.90 the Income Tax Department conducted 3059 searches. During the course of these searches, *prima facie* unaccounted assets of the value of Rs. 92.98 crores were seized besides incriminating documents. The persons searched in their statement on oath, given during the course of these searches have in aggregate admitted unaccounted income to the tune of Rs. 142.65 crores.

Garden Festivals by D.T.D.C.

883. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation has been arranging Garden festivals;

(b) whether there is a need to take such steps in each city as a part of Government's programme to promote tourism; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Tourism Development Corporation has been arranging Garden Tourism Festival since 1988.

(b) Such festivals do help in the promotion of tourism. Each State Govt./Union Territory takes steps to arrange the same at places they consider appropriate.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecast of TV Serial Bible

884. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a serial on Bible is ready for telecast;

(b) if so, the time by which it will be shown on Doordarshan; and

(c) whether it is proposed to telecast this serial on Saturday night for the convenience of Church goers on Sunday?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). The producer of the serial has submitted the 'pilot' episode for approval by Doordarshan. The Pilot will be considered by the Committee constituted by the Government recently to review all approved serials etc. Once this Committee approves the 'pilot', the producer will be asked to submit four episodes initially. The date and time of telecast would be decided only after receipt of the four episodes.

Central Assistance for Developing Tourist Centres of Kerala

885. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any request for central assistance to develop important tourist and pilgrimage centres as Erumely in Kottayam district, Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta district and Malayattoor in Ernakulam district in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to give central assistance to the State Government for any tourist or pilgrimage centre in Kottayam, Idukki or Ernakulam districts in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has not received any proposals for central assis-

tance to develop tourist/pilgrimage centres at these places.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Kala Gramam Tourism Project in Kerala

886. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Tourism Project with focus on Indian culture known as 'Kala Gramam' proposed by District Tourism Council to be implemented in Kumarakom in Kottayam District in Kerala; and

(b) the time by which this project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The project profile on 'Kala Gramam' has recently been received in the Ministry from the District Tourism Promotion Council. The Council has been advised to submit the proposal through the State Government as the Central Department of Tourism do not provide assistance to Councils directly.

Staff Pattern in Banks

887. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ratio of staff pattern in comparison to expansion of business allows more employment uniformly in all categories of posts in the State Bank of India, the State Bank of Travancore, the Union Bank of India, and the Canara Bank; and

(b) if not, the action proposed to be taken to extend the facility to all posts in the above banks?