

STATEMENT

	1965	1966
1. No. of cases of alleged violations of Foreign Exchange Regulations registered as a result of information collected by the Enforcement Directorate during the year	3,420	2,660
2. (a) No. of searches conducted by Enforcement Directorate during the year	1,085	885
(b) Amounts of Indian currency suspected to be sale proceeds of illegal foreign exchange remittances) and foreign exchange recovered during the year:		
(i) Indian Currency Rs.	34,99,359	37,11,818
(ii) Foreign exchange	3,72,181	5,15,088
3. No. of cases in which <i>prima-facie</i> contraventions were established after enquiries (including searches, during the year	517	1,161

Chickenpox Vaccination

*149. Shri N. C. Chatterjee:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. K. Ghosh:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that incidence of smallpox and chickenpox has been rather on the high side this year in the Union Territory of Delhi and its surrounding areas irrespective of the intensive drive of chickenpox vaccination;

(b) whether any examination or test has been conducted to check the effectiveness of the vaccine; and

(c) whether there are any prospects of eradication of this disease in the

near future and if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) According to the available information, the incidence of smallpox and chickenpox which are two different diseases has not been on the high side this year. There is no vaccination against chickenpox.

(b) Yes, samples of the batches of smallpox vaccine selected at random are subjected to tests for effectiveness.

(c) Yes, there are prospects of eradication of smallpox by systematic successful vaccination of all the new-borns and revaccination of 1/3rd of the population every year including the 'left-outs' with special emphasis on the vaccination of labour and migratory population. The vaccination drive is continuing.

Reserve Bank of India Steering group on Incomes, Wages and Prices

*150 Shri Maddi Sudarsanam: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the important findings of the Reserve Bank of India's Steering Group on incomes, wages and prices; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The Steering Group's Report on a "Framework for Incomes and Prices Policy", has already been released. The last chapter of the Report gives the summary and conclusions of the Group. It has prepared, among other things, certain guidelines for incomes policy which include the desirability of keeping money incomes in step with national productivity and positive production and price policies in order to make incomes policy effective.