

(b) Nepal's current export statistics are not being published. However, according to available information 6,000 kgs. of mica and 7,600 kgs. of peacock feather were exported from Nepal, by air, to third countries during 1970-71 (April-October). Authentic information about the sources through which these items are smuggled to Nepal is not available,

(c) Export of mica to Nepal has been brought under Export Trade Control with effect from 8th September, 1969. In addition, the following steps have *inter-alia* been taken to prevent smuggling of Indian goods including mica and peacock feather to third countries *via* Nepal :

- (i) Posting of additional customs staff at the border ;
- (ii) enlisting cooperation of other Central and the State Governments enforcement agencies functioning at the border ;
- (iii) setting up of a Committee consisting of representatives of the Central and concerned State Governments to review the position from time to time, and recommend remedial measures to check smuggling across the Indo-Nepal border ;
- (iv) the cooperation of the Government of Nepal has been sought in joint investigation of activities which do not conform to the spirit of the Treaty of Trade and Transit and in evolving a working arrangement to ensure that there is no possibility of wide spread deflection of trade.

#### **Enquiry into the Pamphlet Published during Presidential Election in 1969**

\*756. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether she has received the report regarding the Pamphlet published against Dr. N. Sanjiva Reddy, a candidate in the Presidential Election in 1969 for which she assured that she had asked the Ministry to inquire into it ; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). In August, 1969 a printed pamphlet against Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy had come to the Prime Minister's Secretariat by post and came to the notice of the Prime Minister. She immediately ordered an inquiry to be made as to who had brought it out. A thorough inquiry into the matter was accordingly made by the Intelligence Bureau, but it had not been possible to identify the press where the pamphlet was printed or the persons who had brought it out.

#### **Export of Artistic Jewellery**

\*758. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that beautiful pieces of artistic, yet cheap, jewellery could be made by the goldsmiths, particularly of Rajasthan, which would bring foreign exchange ; and

(b) whether Government are considering or propose to consider this matter which would serve two fold purpose of earning foreign exchange and of rehabilitating a large number of goldsmiths who have been deprived of the means of their livelihood ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHODHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Artistic jewellery is already being exported abroad. These exports have been earning sizeable foreign exchange and have also created good employment opportunity for craftsmen in India.

Government would be prepared to consider any concrete proposal for securing increased foreign exchange earnings as well as creating further employment opportunities in this export sector.