

Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations on pension

1094. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of Fourth Pay Commission regarding pensioners;

(b) whether the Government of India has taken any decision regarding these recommendations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) The main recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission comprise—

(i) rationalisation of pension structure;

(ii) replacement of slab formula by 50% in calculation of pension; and

(iii) a dearness relief system inline with that recommended for serving persons.

The report of the Commission is under consideration and Government decisions are expected to be announced shortly. In the meantime Government has decided to raise the minimum pension and minimum family pension to Rs. 375/- per month as against Rs. 300/- recommended by the Commission.

Main items of smuggling in the country

1095. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the first five main items which have been identified as sensitive to smuggling in order of priority;

(b) what is the value of its seizures in last three years, year-wise and sector-wise; and

(c) what steps Government of India propose to take in order to check this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):

(a) On the basis of reports received by the Government and seizures made, the following items have been identified as main items sensitive to smuggling:—

1. Gold;
2. Narcotic drugs;
3. Electronic goods;
4. Synthetic fabrics; and
5. Watches.

(b) The total value of main items of contraband goods seized, commodity-wise, throughout the country, bulk of which were seized from the West/East Coast, Land border and International Airports during the years 1984-1985 and 1986 is given below:—

(Value Rs. in crores)

Year	Gold	Watches	Synthetic fabrics	Electronic goods	Narcotic drugs
1984.	10.24	11.10	18.39	18.74	5.92
1985.	51.89	8.79	16.48	14.75	23.32
1986.	46.71	10.11	14.80	17.82	5053