

Import of rapeseeds and sunflower seeds in place of edible oils

1359. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vanaspati manufacturers have forwarded a scheme to Government for the import of rapeseeds and sunflower seeds for its approval; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Suggestions have been received recently, from certain sections of Oil Industry in the country, for the Government to import oilseeds (including rapeseeds) so as to utilize the indigenous crushing capacity for this purpose. The economics of importing oilseeds *vis-a-vis* edible oils are being looked into and the Government will take an appropriate decision.

Reduction in excise duty for the middle and tiny sector

1360. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any reduction in excise duty for the middle and tiny sectors of the match industry as they are unable to withstand the competition from the mechanised sector predominated by multinationals like WIMCO etc.; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI N. BHAI BAROT):

(a) The non-mechanised middle sector and the tiny sector already enjoy preferential rates of excise duty *vis-a-vis* the larger operated mechanised sector of the match industry. The excise

duty applicable to the match industry is examined by the Government before the Budget; at present there is no proposal under consideration to further reduce the excise duty in respect of the middle and tiny sectors.

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर तस्करी

1361. श्री लाडली मोहन निगम : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिल्ली अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर हो रही करोड़ों रुपये की तस्करी की ओर गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसमें चांदी की तस्करी कितने करोड़ रुपये की है ;

(ग) सरकार ने तस्करी को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये हैं ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि उच्च सीमा शुल्क अधिकारी व अन्य अधिकारी इन तस्करी के साथ गुप्त रूप से सहयोग करते हैं ; और

(ङ) क्या उन्हें पता है कि इस विभाग से संबंधित अधिकारियों के पास बड़ी शानदार आयतित कारें हैं जिन्हें सामान्यतया सरकारी अधिकारी नहीं रख सकते ?

†[Smuggling at Delhi Airport]

1361. SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to smuggling worth crores of rupees being done at the Delhi International Airport;

(b) if so, what is the value of smuggled silver out of that;

† [] English translation.