

(c) how many top Indians, if any, have bank accounts abroad and what are the bank-wise amounts at their credit?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the absence of names of "top Indians" in respect of whom information is sought it is not possible to collect the requisite information.

Smuggling of sugar to Pakistan

841. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: DR. V. P. DUTT: SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to his notice that hundreds of tonnes of sugar is being smuggled out to Pakistan daily from Rajasthan border;

(b) if so, what are the full particulars thereof and what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check smuggling of sugar to Pakistan; and

(c) whether some arrests have since been made in this connection and if so what are the particulars of the arrested persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) No, Sir. Reports received by the Government do not indicate large scale smuggling of sugar across the Rajasthan border to Pakistan.

(b) During the year 1979, a total quantity of 3115 kgs. of sugar valued at Rs. 8976 was seized under the Customs Act, 1962 along with Rajasthan border while being attempted to be smuggled out to Pakistan. The concerned Customs authorities, the Border Security Force and the Police authorities have been alerted to prevent any attempted smuggling of sugar across the border.

(c) No Sir.

Gold Auction

842. SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA: SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: DR. V. P. DUTT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of gold which was auctioned by the Reserve Bank of India during the Janata regime; and

(b) what are the names of the parties to whom the gold was sold, the quantity of gold sold to each party and the rate at which sold?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN):

(a) A quantity of 12.956 tonnes of gold was sold in 14 auctions conducted by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government during the period from May to October, 1978.

(b) Lists containing names and addresses of successful bidders, quantity of gold sold and the prices at which gold was sold were published by the Reserve Bank of India in their Notice Board at the end of each auction. Copies of all these lists were placed in the Parliament Library on 24.7.1978, 1.8.1978, 23.10.1978 and 4.11.1978 for perusal of Hon'ble Members.

Setting up of Civil Supplies Corporation

843. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of Civil Supplies Corporation in the States to coordinate