

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) The statistical data available at present do not provide either a breakdown of the total income into rural and urban incomes or of income differentials as between rural and urban occupational groups.

(b) For want of adequate and reliable statistical data it is not possible to say in what measure the benefits accruing from the Five Year Plans have been shared by different occupational groups. However, our development programmes and policies have been formulated with the distinct purpose of benefitting the lower income groups. The programmes for the agricultural sector included in the draft Fourth Five Year Plan have been drawn up keeping in view the objective that small farmers should be enabled to participate in development and share its benefits. This objective is sought to be achieved through various general measures, which pertain to a number of spheres, including minor irrigation, agricultural credit and animal husbandry as well as specific measures such as the setting up of small farmers' development agencies in selected districts and specific programmes for dry areas as also other special areas like deserts and ravines. A more purposeful implementation of land reform measures is also designed to benefit small farmers and landless labourers. The development of small scale and village industries in general and of agro industries in particular is aimed at tackling the rural and urban unemployment problem. In the programme of improving the economic condition of the vulnerable sections of society nationalised banks have been assigned an important role.

(c) The principal objective of planning in our country is to provide the basic and minimum needs of the community as early as possible. Government seeks to achieve this through more rapid and all-round economic development. Poverty and unemployment are, however, long-standing and difficult problems in our country and a satisfactory solution to these can emerge only through sustained development over a period of time.]

GOLD HAUL AT BOMBAY

1657. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN:
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

†[] English translation.

(a) whether there has been any big gold haul at Bombay Airport during the last three months and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : (a) and (b) There has not been any big gold haul at Bombay Airport during the last three months.

FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS

1658. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 530 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1969 and state :

(a) the names of the four industrialists who did not disclose their foreign bank accounts ;

(b) the amount of their foreign bank deposits along with the names of the banks wherein this money was deposited (figures of each may be given separately), and

(c) what penal action was taken and how much penalties have been imposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : (a) (1) M/s Star Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd.

(2) Shri Radhakrishna R. Ruia.

(3) Shri Ramniwas R. Ruia.

(4) Shri Sushilkumar R. Ruia.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS, POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, CALCUTTA

1659. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently decided to decentralise the office of the Director of Audit and Accounts Posts and Telegraphs Calcutta ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether any representation has been received by Government from Orissa to decentralise the organisation on the ground that Orissa was suffering because of heavy workload at Calcutta office;