

(e) if so, what is the quantity and value of the gold so recovered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) 24.

(b) Rs. 25,85,236.

(c) Five vessels of which M/s. Jardine Henderson Limited were agents, were confiscated, an option being given in each case for the payment of a fine in lieu of confiscation.

(d) and (e). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Quantity and value of Contraband gold seized on the steamers of M/s. Jardine Henderson Ltd., during the period 1952-1960

	Date	Vessel	Quantity			Value
			Tola	As.	P.	Rs.
(i)	23-9-54	Chunsang	22	5	4	1,979
(ii)	22-12-55	Loksang	213	2	0	20,099
(iii)	11-5-54	Eastern Queen	8,983	10	3	8,22,003
(iv)	31-10-57	Eastern Saga	21,782	3	0	23,79,491

PUBLICATION OF WONDER WORLD OF SCIENCE IN INDIAN LANGUAGES

*758. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme for publishing the nine volumes of Wonder World of Science in Hindi and other Indian languages;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite its publication and whether any volume of the same is likely to be published in the near future in any of the Indian languages; and

(c) whether Government have also any other scheme to undertake or assist the publication of any such works in Indian languages with a view to arousing interest in scientific studies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) and (b). Cheap editions of Vol. I of this series have been brought out in Hindi, Bengali, Marathi and Tamil with financial help from Government.

The question of bringing out translations of the remaining volumes and production of Vol. I in other Indian languages, is under consideration.

(c) *Ad hoc* grants are given by the Government to encourage production of popular scientific literature in Indian languages.

WIRE MANUFACTURING UNIT AT BANGALORE

*759. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start wire-manufacturing unit at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether Government have accorded their approval to any concern in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) An application under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act from a private party for the manufacture of wire of various gauges has been received and is under consideration.