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(a) whether it is a fact that a theft took place in Visva Bharati and many valuable and priceless items Tagore's Nobel medallion and others memorabilia have been stolen from the museum; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in co-ordination with the State Government to catch the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs, while preliminary investigations were made by the local police and the CID, the Central Bureau of Investigation began its inquiry from 30.3.2004, after a request in this regard was received from the Govt. of West Bengal.

While the CBI suspects involvement of a professional gang, it is also looking into the possible involvement of insiders and has questioned a large number of serving and retired employees of the University. Apart from the State fingerprint experts, experts from the Central forensic Science Laboratory, New Delhi have also lifted prints from various showcases and have sent them to the National Crime Record Bureau, New Delhi and other agencies for identification of the culprits. The details of all the mobile calls for the relevant period are also being scrutinized. Possible involvement of a local burglar gang or an inter-state/international antique smuggler gang is being looked into and all the check posts in the country have been alerted. The CBI has also secured cooperation from Interpol.

The CBI has declared a reward of Rs. 10.00 lakh to the public who may give specific information leading to recovery of the stolen items. The investigation are going on in close liaison with the West Bengal police and the CID as well as the police of other States.

Production in Public Sector Industries

†*8. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector industries have registered considerable growth in production during the recent years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the value of production during the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(c) the percentage of the production as compared to GDP of the country; and

(d) the investment made by Government in the form of capital and loans in such industries during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) the value of production at current market price in the Central Public Sector Enterprises, as per PE survey 2002-03, the latest period for which the information is available, has recorded increase during the recent years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 as follows:

Rs. in Crore

Year	Value of production	%Increase
1999-00	400806	—
2000-01	464287	15.84%
2001-02	483558	4.15%
2002-03	556315	15.05%

(c) The percentage of Value of Production of CPSEs to GDP of the country at current market prices during last three years is as follows:

Year	% of Value of production to GDP
2000-01	22.22%
2001-02	21.19%
2002-03	22.53%

(d) The investment made by Central Government in CPSEs during last three years in the form of equity and long term loans is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Equity	Long Term Loans	Total
2000-01	2263	7464	9727
2001-02	14673	7642	22315
2002-03	4895	-1947	2948