

हां। यद्यपि इन मर्दों की बड़े पैमाने पर तस्करी नहीं हो रही है, परन्तु हाल ही में काफी की देश से बाहर तस्करी करने के कुछ छुटपुट मामले देखे गये थे।

(ख) मई-जून, 1977 की अवधि के दौरान सीमाशुल्क प्राधिकारियों द्वारा पकड़ी गई काफी की कुल मात्रा 1378 किलोग्राम है। माल पकड़ने की इन कार्यवाहियों से यह संकेत मिला कि काफी का फारस की खाड़ी के देशों को तस्कर निर्यात किया जाना था।

(ग) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों को सतर्क रहने तथा समुद्र अथवा हवाई जहाज से भारतीय काफी के तस्कर निर्यात के किसी भी प्रयास को विरुद्ध करने के लिए उद्युक्त प्रकार से सावधान कर दिया गया है।

Import of Edible Oil

2969. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oil imported during the last three months;

(b) the mode of distribution of edible oil to the States; and

(c) the quantity of imported oil allotted to the State of Gujarat; District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of Edible Oil

2970. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from where the edible oil is being imported this year and quantity thereof;

(b) the foreign exchange to be spent on it; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase its production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cost of Living Index

2971. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) the present cost of living index;

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that cost of living index does not shoot up and the price-line is held; and

(c) the extent of increase in the cost of living index in the last three years and the main factors responsible for the same.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (c). The All-India Industrial Workers' Consumer Price Index (1960 = 100) for May, 1977 (the latest available) stands at 318 as against 294 for May 1974, an increase of 8.2 per cent in three years. There was a rise in the index during 1974-75 because of lower agricultural production combined with high international prices of foodgrains, fertilisers non-ferrous metals and petroleum products. In 1975-76 prices declined as a bumper agricultural season at home was accompanied by decline in prices abroad. This trend was however, reversed in 1976-77 because of shortages of some commodities like pulses, edible oils and cotton and high prices of some of our export commodities like tea and coffee.