

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 were approximately 1.00 tonne and 0.7 tonne respectively.

(b) to (d). The quantities of optical glass indented by BARC for supply by Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited in 1993-94 and 1994-95 are being effected in batches.

Vessels Impounded by Coast Guard

1456. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign vessels impounded by the coast guard during the last three months, country-wise;

(b) the details of seizures made from these vessels and also the number of persons apprehended in this regard; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Indian Coast Guard seized 4 foreign vessels during May-July 1995. These fishing vessels belonged to Thailand, Myanmar, Dubai (UAE) and Srilanka.

(b) Fishing vessels of Myanmar & Srilanka only contained 30 Kg. & 1000 Kg. fish respectively. Nothing was seized from other vessels. A total of 40 persons were apprehended.

(c) in respect of all these vessels action has been taken under the provisions of the Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981 and the rules thereunder by handing over the vessels to the Police at the designated ports for further legal action.

Western-Blot Test

1457. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment required to conduct "Western Blot test" is not available in some States including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide this vital testing equipment in Andhra Pradesh and other States;

(c) the physical and financial requirements in this regard; and

(d) the date by which Western Blot Testing equipment is likely to be provided to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). As Western Blot Testing is required in rare circumstances under the existing HIV Testing Policy, Government does not propose to establish more Centres for Western Blot Testing other than existing 9 Reference Centres established on regional basis.

[Translation]

Reservation Policy in PSUs

1458. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided reservation facility for employment to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward classes with a view to give them opportunities of employment in the Public Sector industries; and

(b) if so, whether any action plan to provide them facility of reservation in the private sector also is under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding providing reservation in private sector is under examination.

Temples Demolished in J & K

1459. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of temples demolished in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, year-wise, till date; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?