

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). No instance of smuggling of tiger bones out of the country has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified throughout the country. Appropriate steps are taken in close co-ordination with the Wild Life Preservation authorities concerned for check/detection of smuggling of tiger skins and bones out of the country.

[*Translation*]

#### **Export of Opium Products**

4782. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the products manufactured in the opium factories of the country are exported; and

(b) if so, the value of opium products exported in 1986-87 and also during the first quarter of 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). The value of opiates exported in 1986-87 was Rs. 2405.61 lakhs (provisional) and in the first quarter of 1987-88 - Rs. 229.23 lakhs (provisional).

#### **Coaching Facilities for Backward Class Students for All India Competitive Exams**

4783. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the benefit of the poor and backward class candidates in rural areas appearing for I.A.S., I.P.S. and other All

India Competitive Examinations, facilities are proposed to be provided to them to get coaching freely in a wider way;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme worked out in this regard; and

(c) the likely date by which the coaching centers will be opened and the places chosen for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). As there is no Central list for Backward classes, the question of providing coaching facilities to such candidates for preparation for appearing in the competitive examination does not arise. However the Ministry of Welfare is at present conducting centers for SC/ST candidates in order to assist them in appearing in the Civil Services Exam. and various other examinations. At present there are 64 coaching centres run for the benefit of SC/ST candidates.

#### **Revenue Stamps for Salaries through Cheques**

4784. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for payments worth every Rs. 20/- and above a 20 paise receipt stamp is to be affixed;

(b) when salaries to Government employees and other are credited to banks, whether 20 paise is deducted towards receipt stamp;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to adopt a uniform policy for both employees who take salaries by cash and by cheque?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) (a) For payments exceeding Rs. 20/-, a twenty paise revenue stamp is to be affixed.

(b) For salaries credited to banks, a twenty paise revenue stamp is to be affixed either by the person concerned if he receives the cheque, or by the bank if the cheque is sent direct to the bank.

(c) Does not arise.

### Industrial Pollution

4785. SHRI R.M. BHOYE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought the assistance of our scientists and some foreign experts about the plants which have the power to check pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the said plants; and

(d) whether any hybrid plants have been developed to control the industrial pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) Indian Scientists were involved in carrying out studies to assess the impact of air pollutants on plants. No assistance of foreign experts in this regard has been sought.

(b) Various aspects of the study include:

- (i) Pollution sink efficiency, growth response and productivity of plants with

respect to fly-ash and sulphur dioxide.

(ii) Effects of pollutants on physiology and biochemistry of plants; Eco-physiological studies.

(iii) Effects of sulphur dioxide on plants in industrial and urban areas.

(iv) Studies on tree canopies in relation to environmental pollution.

(c) Plants used in mitigating air pollution include:

*Mangifera indica, Tectona grandis, Polyalthia longifolia, Thespesia populinea, Cyamopsis tetragonoloba, Nerium indicum and Pithecolobium dulce.*

(d) No, Sir.

### Strengthening R & D Structure

4786. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that advanced nations are getting tight fisted about their technology transfer as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 17 July, 1987;

(b) whether increased emphasis and attention is being paid to strengthen our own R & D structure with priority for items of immediate general field use;

(c) whether Industry-wise priority list has been drawn up for guidance of R & D units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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