

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the Government's opinion thereon; and

(c) how far this would help in giving employment to the unemployed in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) FICCI has recently brought out a brochure entitled 'Policies for Economic Progress'.

(b) and (c) A statement giving the salient features of the suggestions contained in the brochure is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT 1252/77*]. It would be difficult to indicate precisely the impact of these policies on employment. The various suggestions received from institutions as well as individuals are taken into account while framing economic policy for different sectors of the economy.

Gold seized during raids from March, 1977

2418. SHRI MOHD. HAYAT ALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of gold seized during raids conducted by the Gold Control officers in different States from March, 1977 till to date.

(b) whether it is a fact that in Calcutta the gold control officers have seized gold worth Rs. 1.80 lakhs from a house in the month of November, 1977; and

(c) what further measures Government propose to take to unearth

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House;

(b) Gold Control Officers of Calcutta on 4-11-77 seized unaccounted primary gold and new ornaments valued at Rs. 1,83,701 from the possession of a certified Goldsmith.

(c) Vigilance against violations of Gold Control Law continues to be maintained by the preventive and intelligence agencies.

Supply of additional quota of essential commodities to Mizoram

2419. DR. R. ROTHUAMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that most of the items of essential commodities like imported rapeseed oils etc. have never been supplied through public distribution systems in Mizoram and that the present per head quota of essential items supplied, like rice, edible oils, sugar, atta dals etc. are dangerously low to meet with the sudden rise in the daily requirement of the people due to coming Thingtam Famine resulting in complete failure of crops harvest this year throughout Mizoram; and

(b) in view of this Thingtam Famine which is occurring this year, whether any special preventive measures have been initiated or are proposed to be taken to tone up Public Distribution Systems throughout Mizoram to ensure steady supply of additional quantum of essential commodities so that anti-national elements do not exploit the critical situation caused by Food Scarcity as was done in 1960 giving rise to present underground movements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) It is not quite correct to say that there has been a complete