

1989-90 (upto Feb. '90) have, according to provisional export figures, increased by 36% as compared to exports during the corresponding period of 1988-89.

FRG has imposed a ban on the import of leather and other products treated with a particular chemical, pentachlorophenol. Major tanners in India have already discontinued the use of this chemical and the Central Leather Research Institute, Madras, is arranging facilities to test for the presence of the chemical in leather. The matter has also been taken up with FRG Govt. for clearing export orders in the pipe line.

[Translation]

Drug Trafficking in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

7470. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

SHRI NATHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of drug trafficking have come to light in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to check the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c). The details of seizures effected and reported to Narcotics Control Bureau during the period 1.1.1990 to 31.3.1990 in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are as under:

Name of drug	Rajasthan		Madhya Pradesh	
	No. of cases	Qty. (in kgs.)	No. of cases	Qty. (in kgs.)
1	2	3	4	5
Opium	4	11.250	11	73.175
Heroin	1	10.815	2	3.800
Hashish	2	212.020	—	—

The Government have initiated various steps to contain smuggling which, inter alia, include tightening of anti-narcotic laws and improving their enforcement, strengthening of Narcotics Control Bureau and the preventive machineries at the borders and the international ports as also in opium growing areas and improving liaison with both national and international agencies such as INTERPOL, International Narcotics Control Based, Customs Cooperation Council, Drug Enforce-

meny Administration of USA, etc.

[English]

Modifications in Reservation of Constituencies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

7471. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: