

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Country</i>	<i>Quantity in Kg.</i>	<i>Value in Rs.</i>
1	2	3	4
29.	Yemen Arab Republic	160	1,181
30.	Kenya	5,04,000	7,93,4000
31.	Somalia	180	23,800
32.	Sweden	298	45,063

Diamond Industry in Gujarat

8362. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diamond industry in Gujarat is facing recession:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) the steps taken by Union Government to help diamond industry: and

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Gujarat has also set up a high level committee to consider the various problems facing the diamond cutting and polishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) to (c). Due to comparatively lower international demand and higher inventory held by diamond trade, there has been a temporary slackening of manufacturing activities in diamond sector in Gujarat State. The Central Government has already liberalised the procedures, provided input support and announced Policy initiatives for the development of the Industry. These measures include relaxation in credit

norms, revised rates of replenishment, import of capital goods on OGL at concessional duty, etc.

(d) The State Government of Gujarat has recently formed a Diamond Development Board for the promotion and development of the Industry in the State.

News Items "Two Air-Hostesses Held for Smuggling"

8363. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Two air-hostesses held for smuggling" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 16 April, 1990;

(b) if so, the further action taken in the matter;

(c) the total number of gold smuggling cases that came into light during the last six months, month-wise; and

(d) the action taken against those who were found guilty?