

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know, Sir, the details of the property looted, whether it is in kind etc.?

Mr. Speaker: What is the nature of the property looted?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Cash, cloth and ornaments.

BARIUM SALTS

*971. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether there is any possibility of manufacturing of barium salts in India?

(b) Is it a fact that the necessary raw materials for manufacturing barium salts are found in abundance in India?

(c) What steps are Government taking to encourage their production?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir. In fact some barium salts are already being manufactured in the country.

(b) Of the two common barium minerals, *viz.*, barytes and witherite, the first is known to occur in India in commercial quantities and the latter is not known to be available in India in workable quantities.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 59.]

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In reply to (b), the hon. Minister said that some raw materials were not available in the country. May I know what amount of raw materials is being imported for the manufacture of these salts?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: In reply to (b), I said baryte is available in commercial quantities, and I cannot see how I could relate it to the importation of raw materials of that

variety. So far as witherite is concerned, it is not available in any large quantities.

Shri Raghavaiah: What is the amount of the raw material that cannot be found in this country and is imported from abroad?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As I said, Sir, barytes is available in the country.

Shrimati Tarkeawari Sinha: May I know, Sir, what are the main uses to which barium salt is put?

Mr. Speaker: That goes into a different enquiry. I think we will go to the next question.

EDUCATION IN N.E.F.A. AREA

*973. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have evolved a special scheme for educating the tribals of North East Frontier of India; and

(b) the details of the educational scheme that is to be worked out?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). Government are of opinion that schools in the North East Frontier Agency should be conducted generally in accordance with the scheme of Basic Education. But this will naturally have to be adapted to the special conditions prevailing in that area. The details of the scheme are being worked out by Government in consultation with the Hindustani Talimi Sangh.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to set up a high power transmitter in that area to broadcast special programmes for the tribal people?

Mr. Speaker: It is a question which should be addressed to the Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether any books are being