

These areas are in different stages of exploration. Most of them are being explored by trenching, pitting, isorading. Investigations are in progress to evaluate the economic viability of Uranium anomalies and to determine the occurrences of associated minerals like Phosphates, Nickel, Molybdenum etc.

(c) Surveys are also undertaken in the following districts, during the current year :—

Himachal Pradesh	Rampur, Hosiarpur, Ambala, Una districts.
Uttar Pradesh	Almora-Nainital, Chamoli, Uttar Kashi, Pauri and Pithoragarh districts.

Discontentment among Scientists of Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute

451. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the huge specialised manpower of Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute is being utilized and engaged in suitable industry oriented problems/projects;

(b) whether suitable working facilities and environment are available to scientists; and

(c) if so, the reasons why many competent and well qualified scientists leave CMERI, Durgapur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENTS, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of about 150 scientists in the Institute, less than 4 on an average have left annually during the past 5 years. They have left mainly for personal reasons and better job prospects,

Retrenchment of Employees of General Engineers Reserve Force

452. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some General Engineers Reserve Force Employee were retrenched and have not yet been taken back to service, under Project "Yatrik" in Andaman and Nicobar;

(b) whether Government have received and memorandum regarding the bonus, leave and accommodation of GREF persons under "Yatrik"; and

(c) if so, the present position in there regards and steps Government have taken to do justice to these people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. No General Reserve Engineer Force Employee of Project "Yatrik" was retrenched from service.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Special Anti-Riot Central Reserve Police Battalions

453. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all six special Battalions of the Central Reserve Police Force proposed to be raised as an anti-riot force, have become operational; and

(b) if not, whether the proposal has been abandoned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Six CRPF battalions specially trained and equipped to tackle situations arising out of communal and caste conflicts have been raised and are operational.

(b) Does not arise,