

Country-wise break up of the proposals

Country	Capacity	Cost	No. of Offers
1. USA	14169.00	46596.39	22
2. UK	2050.00	6525.00	3
3. Germany	2154.70	6678.14	2
4. Australia	888.00	2553.73	3
5. Japan	1000.00	3000.00	1
6. Malta	500.00	1632.00	1
7. Israel	1670.00	6400.60	3
	22431.70	73385.86	35

[English]

Gold in Assam

75. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey to reassess gold availability in the country;

(b) if so, whether the sands of river Subansiri in Assam was found to be rich in gold deposits; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to extract these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A study by the Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat and Directorate of Geology and Mining (Assam) has indicated poor incidence of 0.37 g/t of gold in Subansiri river, Assam at some places.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

L.P.G. Bottling at Gorakhpur, U.P.

76. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government to set up a bottling plant at Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the amount estimated to be spent on setting up of this bottling plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) No such proposal has been received. One LPG bottling plant is already operating at Gorakhpur.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Passport Offices

77. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: