

Yes, Sir. However, investigations carried out so far have not brought to light results which could be considered to be of immediate economic significance for commercial exploitation.

Proposal to Permit Defence Production in Private Sector

554. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given effect to their proposal to permit production of defence items in private sector;

(b) whether this would be a deviation from the defence policy in practice until now; and

(c) whether Government intend to control at least the marketing of the products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) To the extent necessary and possible, Government has been increasingly associating the private sector in the manufacture of Defence items.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Defence controls the Production of items which are exclusively for use by the Defence services.

"Pollution Industries in West Bengal"

555. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any information about the grossly polluting industries in West Bengal which are discharging their wastes into the river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 43 major and medium industries on the banks of the river Ganga

which are discharging their wastes into the river without proper treatment.

(c) The State Pollution Control Board is persuading the industries to instal necessary treatment facilities. Recently, the industries have been issued show cause notice by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and asked to file statements before the Court explaining the steps taken for treatment of their effluents.

Flying Training Academy Centres to Train Pilots for I. A. F.

556. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many Flying Training Academy Centres are there in the country to train pilots for Indian Air Forces;

(b) whether there is any Flying Training Academy in Bangalore; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to establish a Flying Training Academy at Bangalore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) There are four Flying Training Establishments in the country to train pilots for the I.A.F.

(b) and (c). Air Force Station, Yalahanka, at Bangalore, undertakes training of transport pilots for the Air Force. There are no plans to set up another Flying Training Establishment at Bangalore.

Environment Impact of Kaiga Atomic Power Project Karnataka

557. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain environmentalist groups have protested to the Department of Atomic Energy against locating a nuclear power plant in the rich forests of Karnataka, as a proposed;

(b) if so, whether environmental impact of the Karnataka location was examined before any decision to locate the project at Kaiga was taken; and