

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b). As a result of survey carried out by the National Mineral Development Corporation, Geological Survey of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation for diamonds in the Krishna district between 1980-86, 100 diamonds weighing 82.72 carats were recovered upto the end of January 1987. In the adjoining Guntur district Geological Survey of India in continuing exploration for diamonds.

The other minerals located in these districts include limestone (135 mt. BF grade) near Jaggayyepeta and Chromite near Kondapally area, Krishna district; about 10.6 mt. of SMS grade limestone and 26.85 mt. of BF grade limestone in Pillutla-Pidugurralla area; about 104 mt. of BF grade Limestone and 361.6 mt. of cement grade limestone around Pondula-Ramapuram area in Guntur district. About 11.45 mt. of lead ore and 6.38 mt. of copper ore around Agnigundala area of Guntur district. In the Nalgonda district, work for cement grade limestone and lead ore has also been conducted by Geological Survey of India.

Publication of "Yojana"

691. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to close down the publication of "Yojana" in certain regional languages and also to close the sales-counters of books in Patna, Lucknow and Trivandrum, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). As a part of rationalisation of the functioning of the Publications Division, it was found that the performance of some editions of Yojana and the Sales Emporia in Patna, Lucknow and Trivandrum was not satisfactory. Sizeable amount of subsidy was involved in the case of Yojana.

With a view to make these editions of Yojana economically viable, a dialogue has been initiated with the State Governments to persuade them to buy minimum number of copies of the respective language edition of the journal. Efforts are also being made to promote their sales otherwise. Similarly steps have been initiated to improve sales performance of the Emporia at Patna, Lucknow and Trivandrum. However, if the outcome of these exercises do not yield encouraging results, it may become necessary to close down the language editions of Yojana and the Sales Emporia at Lucknow, Patna and Trivandrum.

Plan to Rehabilitate Fertiliser Plants of IFFCO

622. SHRI D. N. REDDY :
DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a plan to rehabilitate the fertiliser plants of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operate Limited, if so, the estimated investment;

(b) whether the World Bank has agreed to finance part of the foreign exchange requirements of the project; and

(c) if so, the amount of aid in foreign exchange expected to be received from the World Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated investment is Rs 142 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) US \$ 40 million.

Reinstatement of NBCC Workers

693. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the retrenched workers of National Buildings Construction Corpo-