

6. Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation, Kanpur.

7. Lakshmi Rattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

8. Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

9. Atherton Cloth Mills, Kanpur.

No action has been taken by Kanpur Textile Mills and Panki Thermal Power House, Panki.

U.P. Pollution Control Board has issued notices to these units to ensure the setting up of treatment facilities.

Proposal to Raise Land Army

2298. SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise a land army in the country to combat poverty and unemployment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKHAM RAM) : (a) There is no such proposal at present in the Central Plan Sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Coin Blanks

2299. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent on the import of coin blanks during the last five years;

(b) whether Government propose to continue such imports; and

(c) whether Government propose to import latest coin making machines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Coin blanks were first imported during 1983-84. The total amount spent on import of cupro-

nickel coin blanks so far, is indicated below :

Year	Amount
1983-84	Rs. 1,27,91,345
1984-85	Rs. 6,25,85,744
1985-86	Rs. 8,54,18,880
1986-87	Rs. 7,10,43,120
Total	Rs. 23,18,39,089

(b) Steps have been initiated for augmenting production of cupro-nickel blanks in the country. With such increase in domestic production, imports are expected to be phased out.

(c) Yes, Sir.

French Aid

2300. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether France has proposed a credit package of 3.5 billion Francs to India to cover the foreign exchange component of those projects in which French firms are participating; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b). France has offered financial packages totalling 3.8 billion Francs for the Dulhasti hydroelectric project in Jammu and Kashmir and the telecommunications factory at Bangalore. These offers by France are in addition to the general protocol credits provided by France for financing other mutually agreed projects.

Study of Uranium Smuggling by AEC

2302. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :