

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री जगन्नाथ राव) : (क) और (ख). लद्दाख बहुमूल्य पत्थरों, सुहागा तथा सोने के पाए जाने के लिए प्रसिद्ध रहा है। हाल ही के वर्षों में भारतीय भूविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण संस्था ने लद्दाख के भूविज्ञान तथा खनिज संसाधनों के अन्वेषण के विचार से वहां पर कई अभियान भेजे हैं। उन स्थानों पर विस्तृत कार्य भी किया गया है, जहाँ पर संभावित मूल्य के खनिज निक्षेपों के होने की सूचना मिली थी। 1968-69 के लिए क्षेत्रीय मौसम कार्यक्रम के दौरान, भारतीय भूविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण संस्था द्वारा जांमकार तथा सिन्धु घाटी के मध्य सल्फाईड तथा सोने के लिए, पूगा घाटी में सुहागे के लिए और सिन्धु घाटी में फायकोराइट के लिए अन्वेषण किये जाने प्रस्तावित हैं। इस समय लद्दाख का हवाई खनिज सर्वेक्षण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Dams Built with Central Assistance

3274. SHRI VISHWANATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of dams built with Central assistance during the last three Plan periods, and the site where each is located ;

(b) whether some of them have developed cracks ;

(c) if so, their number and the nature of defects in each case ;

(d) how many have been completed and how many have yet to be commissioned ;

(e) if none have been completed, the reasons therefor ; and

(f) the total amount of expenditure on such dams ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (f). Almost all the dams

built in the country during the last three plan periods have been assisted by the Central Government either directly or indirectly through miscellaneous development loans etc. Details of major and medium irrigation projects taken up during the last three plans are contained in the publication "India Irrigation and Power Projects (Five Year Plans)" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Cracks were detected in case of two dams, Rana Pratap Sagar across the river Chambal and Koyna dam in Maharashtra. The cracks in Rana Pratap Sagar, it was observed, were due to excessive grouting pressure on account of a faulty gauge. The cracks in Koyna were due to earthquake. Both these projects have been commissioned and a sum of about Rs. 12 crores was spent on Rana Pratap Sagar Dam and Rs. 13 crores on Koyna Dam.

Smuggling by Big Business Houses

3275. SHRI VISWANATHA

MENON :

SHRI B. K. MODAK :

SHRI UMANATH :

SHRI P. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that official Intelligence Agencies have reported that a number of leading big business houses are engaged in large scale smuggling with the connivance of a very highly placed official of his Ministry ;

(b) if so, the name of the official of the Ministry ;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation about this ;

(d) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Seizure of Gold at Palam Airport

3276. SHRI B. K. Das

CHOWDHURY :

SHRI CHENGALARAYA

NAIDU :