

THORIUM DEPOSITS IN TAMIL NADU

8699. SHRI NANJA GOWDER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Geologists have found out Thorium deposits near Tiruppathir in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether experiments of its better use for atomic purposes has been made; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). As a result of the survey carried out by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy in the area, some radio activity due to uranium and thorium has been found in the carbonatite deposits at Sevattur near Tirupattur in the Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu. Further investigations like laboratory tests, chemical analysis, etc. of the ore samples, towards commercial exploitation of the deposits are in progress. It will not be possible to evaluate the economic possibilities of the deposits until these investigations are completed.

PRODUCTION OF MARINE-DIESEL ENGINE

8700. SHRI NANJA GOWDER : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new Diesel-Engine factory has been in the offing at Ranchi for the production of Marine-diesel engines in the public sector;

(b) whether such a factory was proposed some time back in Madras and the proposal was deferred; and

(c) If so, the reasons for starting such a factory at Ranchi after some time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The final decision to locate the Diesel Engine Factory at Ranchi was taken by the Government after considering the recommendations of a team of Technical

Officers of M/s M.A.N. of West Germany, who are the collaborators. At the same time, to reduce capital expenditure, Government decided to restrict the role of the unit to manufacture of only small components and assembly/testing of engines and the site at Ranchi entails the least capital expenditure as it is near the Heavy Engineering Corporations, the major components-supplier.

AUCTION OF CARS BY THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION

8701. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI N. K. SOMANI :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cars auctioned by the State Trading Corporation on the 11th April, 1970; and

(b) the total amount realised by the sale of cars on this auction and also the total amount realised through auction of cars during the year 1969 and upto April, 1970?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) Only 1 car (Mercedes Benz 280 S of 1968 Model).

(b) The amount released in the single car auction on 11th April, 1970 was Rs. 2,16,900/-.

474 vehicles were sold from 1st April, 1969 to 30th April, 1970 and the amount realised was Rs. 1.73 crores.

SETTING UP OF AN INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES

8702. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI N. M. SOMANI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state : (a) whether a high officer of the Cabinet Secretariat is seeking personnel abroad to set up an Institute for foreign languages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the uses to be made of it; and

(c) when and where this Institute will be established?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have directed a study in depth of the needs of the Ministries and Departments for facilities in training of officers in various foreign languages and the facilities existing at present and to prepare a comprehensive and detailed scheme with financial implications for one or more foreign languages institutes to meet the requirements. A senior officer has been deputed abroad to study the functioning of such institutions in certain advanced countries like USSR, UK and USA. Final decision in regard to the establishment and location of one or more institutes will be taken after the officer has submitted his report.

TRADE WITH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

8703. SHRI N. K. SOMANI :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI DEVIDNER SINGH
GARCHA :
SHRI VALMIKI CHOUDHARY
SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-
DHURI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to :state

(a) whether India has expressed its anxiety to have a comprehensive Commercial treaty with the European Economic Community;

(b) whether talks in this behalf were held with Mr. Jean Rey, President of European Economic Community and what are the broad details of the discussion; and

(c) whether India has adverse balance of trade with all the EEC countries and its exports to these countries are just insignificant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). When Mr. Jean Rey, President of the Commission of the European Communities visited Delhi between the 31st March and the

3rd April, 1970, on his way back to Europe from Japan, views were exchanged with him on the various steps that might be taken to correct India's persistent trade imbalance with the European Economic Community. One of the steps discussed was the possibility of negotiating a commercial cooperation agreement.

(c) The latest year for which complete figures are available is 1968-69. During this year India had adverse balance of trade with the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands and Luxembourg. The balance of trade with Belgium was in India's favour.

India's exports to the EEC which stood at Rs. 56 crores in 1961-62 rose to Rs. 111.48 crores (Rs. 70-70 crores pre-devaluation) in 1968-69.

ISRAELI MOVE TO RAISE ISSUE OF PUBLICATION OF "MEIN KAMPF" IN INDIA IN U. N.O.

8705. SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported move of Israel to raise in the United Nations, the issue of publication in India of Hitler's autobiography 'Mein Kampf' on the plea of violation of international convention on racial discrimination; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government have seen press reports to this effect and will deal with the situation if it arises. India is not the only country where "Mein Kampf" is available on sale.

उत्तर प्रदेश के जौनपुर डिवीजन में बड़ी रिंग मशीनों की कमी

8706. श्री नागेश्वर द्विवेदी : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जौनपुर डिवीजन (उत्तर प्रदेश) में बहुत से स्वीकृत नलकूपों