

Central Government is satisfied that the permit may be granted having regard to such matters as may be prescribed in the public interest and after making such inquiry in respect of such other matters as may be relevant.

Export by PFPL

3148. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of items exported by the Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. (PFPL) during 1990-91; and

(b) the total revenue earned by the company during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the company, M/s Pepsi Foods Private Limited exported, during 1990-91, marine products, tea, rice, cashew, rice bran extract, pepper, chillies, dill seeds, etc. valued at Rs. 962.34 lakhs.

[Translation]

Uranium Deposits

3149. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently to explore the possibilities of Uranium deposits in the country:

(b) if so, the names of the districts and States where Uranium deposits have been found;

(c) whether any action has been taken to extract Uranium from the deposits; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Systematic surveys and exploration for uranium are being carried out by the Atomic Minerals Division (AMD) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) using air-borne surveys, geochemical surveys and other integrated field investigations followed by exploratory drilling and mining. Names of the states with districts in which the uranium occurrence have been located by AMD are given below:—

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Cuddapah
Bihar	Singbhum
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla and Kulu
Karnataka	North & South Kanara
Madhya Pradesh	Rajnandgaon and Sarguja
Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills
Rajasthan	Udaipur

(c) and (d) Uranium Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy has been set up for this purpose. It operates mines and recovery plants. Exploitation of uranium is commensurate with the needs of the nuclear power programme of the country.