

valthal) for production of Dead Burnt Magnesite to cater to the needs of their refractory plant situated at Bhilai. The financial and economic viability of the project became doubtful on account of changes in circumstances of the refractory industry. Decision to implement the project could not, therefore, be taken.

Merger of Nainital Bank with Bank of Baroda

9451. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of Baroda is making efforts to change the local structure of the Nainital Bank by merging it with the Bank of Baroda;

(b) if so, whether it is being opposed by the local people; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

Development of Madhupur (Bihar) as a Tourist Centre

9452. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme pending with the Government for the development of tourist places in Madhupur of Bihar and to declare these places as tourist centres;

(b) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). There is no scheme pending with the Central Department of Tourism for the development of tourist places in Madhupur of Bihar. However, it is not the policy of the Central Department of Tourism to declare any place of tourist interest as a tourist centre.

[English]

Setting of of More Mints

9453. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present currency coins in various denominations are minted abroad at the cost of foreign exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to establish a few more factories for mining coins within the country to tide over the shortage of coins; and

(c) if so, whether Government will consider establishing one such factory in Tamil Nadu?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir. At present, no coins of any denominations are minted abroad.

(b) and (c). As the existing Mints are in a position to meet the entire demand for Coins of various denominations, there is not proposal at present to set up any new Mint.

Money Suits Filed against Punjab Government

9454. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: