

Besides minor deposits of disperse in Tikamgarh and sporadic mineralisation of pyrite from Chhattarpur have also been located.

Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation is already exploiting the Phosphorite and Pyrophyllite deposits. Mining of diamonds is being done by National Mineral Development Corporation Limited. Clay and Ochre are also being exploited. The extraction of other minerals on a commercial scale will depend on their techno-economic viability.

(c) Geological mapping, survey and other related activities are a continuous process and therefore no date for completing the work can be set. During the current field season (1985-86), besides systematic Geological Mapping in Chhattarpur, Sagar and Panna districts, GSI is also engaged in investigation for base-metals in Damoh and Chhattarpur and for Potash in Panna and Satna districts.

[English]

**Decline in Exports of Glycerine, Soaps, Detergents and Cosmetics**

\*794. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the exports of goods like glycerine, soaps detergents and cosmetics have declined substantially; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this decline and the steps proposed by Government to increase the export of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main reason for the decline is the lower off-take in the major markets.

Steps taken to increase the exports are diversifying into other markets such as West Europe, Middle East, Far East

and Africa, sending out Study-cum-Sales Teams, participating in international fairs etc.

**Foreign Exchange Crisis**

\*799. SHRI P. APPALANARASIMHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are anticipating foreign exchange crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to meet the impending crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c), Does not arise.

**Production and Cultivation of Opium**

\*802. SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA :  
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which are producing opium in the country;

(b) whether there is a great demand for opium within country and also for export purposes;

(c) the steps being taken to cultivate more opium in the country;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in this respect to find suitable land to cultivate poppy; and

(e) if so, the details of the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI

JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) At present, the cultivation of opium poppy in the country is undertaken in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The production of opium in India is essentially export-oriented. Some quantity of opium is also used within the country for production of opium alkaloids, medicinal opium cake/powder, etc.

The quantity of opium exported and the quantity used within the country during the past three years are as follows :—

Year	Quantity of opium exported (in tonnes at 90° Cons.)	Quantity of opium used within the country  (Approx.)
1982-83	845	137.2
1983-84	676.7	130.2
*1984-85	684.8	93.7
(*provisional)		

(c) to (e) : The current international market situation for Indian opium and the accumulation of large stocks of opium in our factories do not warrant any increase in the area under poppy cultivation. Hence, no survey to find suitable land to cultivate opium has been conducted.

**Complaints regarding Loans to Needy  
Under Self-Employment Scheme in  
Kerala**

\*803. SHRI K. MOHANDAS :  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received complaints from Kerala regarding non-cooperative attitude of banks in providing loans to the needy under the self-employment scheme ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and  
(b). Complaints are received from time to time regarding difficulties faced by individuals in various States with the banks in respect of the Scheme for providing Self-employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth which was introduced in the year 1983-84. Banks have been directed from time to time to expedite disposal of applications. The working of the scheme is also discussed at times in the meetings of the State Level Bankers Committee. Instructions have been sent to the State Governments that the District Advisory Committees should be asked to meet atleast once in a month to oversee the progress of the scheme.

**Geological Survey in Birbhum  
West Bengal**

\*805. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA :  
Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES