

Pune in October-November, 1985 have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The allegations are being enquired into.

Fishing harbours in Western Coast

*423. SHRI I. RAMA RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fishing harbours on the Western Coast near river mouths and the facilities available therein;

(b) whether many of the fishing harbours at river mouths are not being used for parking and repairing of the boats;

(c) if so, the proposals envisaged to help the fishermen to provide safe place for the above purpose by bringing them to the side shore; and

(d) the steps being taken to deepen the river mouths for the entry of the fishing boats inside the river ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) There are 9 fishing harbours sanctioned on the Western Coast inside river mouths. Five of these harbours are complete and the rest are in different stages of construction. The facilities are in the nature of landing and berthing quays and jetties, auction hall, ice plant and cold storage and other items like water supply, electricity etc.

(b) & (c) Out of the five completed fishing harbours on the Western Coast, near river mouths the construction of the repairing facilities (slip way) in Cochin harbour has just been completed. The repairing facilities (slip way) at Hannavar Fishing Harbour are also complete. Information regarding the utilization of the repairing facilities at Cochin and Hannavar harbours will have to be obtained from the Cochin Port Trust and the Government of Karnataka respectively. There are no repairing facilities in the other three harbours which have been completed. However, parking (berthing) facilities are available in all the completed fishing harbours and are mostly used.

(d) Deepening of river mouths for entry of fishing boats only by dredging is not possible and it is also expensive because the dredged channels get silted up soon, requiring continuous maintenance dredging. Wherever sufficient tidal influx is available, the river mouths are being trained to improve depths viz; Neendakara in Kerala and Malpe in Karnataka.

Setting up coal based fertilizer plants

*424. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some experiment have been made on coal-based fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard;

(c) the details regarding the programme of setting up of coal-based fertilizer plants during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for development of coal-based fertilizer plants during the Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) Two Coal-based fertilizer plants, one at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Talcher in Orissa, have been in operation since the 1st November, 1980.

(b) The coal gasification technology for production of fertilizers has been proved, but due to equipment problems, other imbalances and power shortages, the two plants have not been able to produce at the rated capacity.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to set up more fertilizer plants, with coal as feedstock, during the 7th Five Year Plan. However, Rs. 57 crores have been earmarked for the rehabilitation of the existing coal-based fertilizer plants during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Preservation of films by National Film Archives of India, Pune

*425. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether specification approved by the Federation of International Film Archives in regard to preservation of films are being followed by the National Film Archives of India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that hundreds of films procured by the National Film Archives of India, Pune have been lying in an open shed;

(c) if so, the reasons for violation of approved specifications; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for proper preservation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) There are no specifications approved by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) but certain fundamental principles have been laid down by FIAF Committee on film preservation. However, FIAF have left it to the countries concerned to devise their own preservation methods depending on their resources and archival importance of the films. These principles are being followed by the National Film Archive of India to the extent possible.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Deposits of uranium in gold mine area of Kolar

*428. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a possibility of finding huge deposits of uranium in the gold mine area of Kolar near Bangalore;

(b) whether Indian and Soviet Scientists have jointly conducted a survey in this regard;

(c) if so, whether lead particles have been found during the survey which are

extraordinarily rich with uranium; and

(d) the quantum of uranium which will be available as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a), (c) and (d) It was reported in a section of the Press in November, 1985 that studies by an Indo-Soviet team indicated the presence of an enriched uranium source in the vicinity of the Champion Reef Mine at the Kolar Gold Fields. The authenticity of this claim has been checked with the Department of Atomic Energy (Atomic Minerals Division) who have stated as follows :

“The Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has in the past analysed samples of KGF from time to time but no radioactivity has been detected so far. Scientists were deputed to check the various sections of drives and cross cuts of KGF mines for uranium. In March, 1984, scientists were deputed to check scheelite tailings in the recovery plant of KGF and also part of the mine. Sample drawn from these areas have been analysed and shown less than 10 PPM (parts per million) of uranium and some samples indicated even less than 1 PPM. It is, therefore, concluded that there is no economic concentration of uranium so far detected in KGF Mines.”

(b) No, Sir. No such survey was conducted under the auspices of Department of Mines.

Allotment of land by D.D.A. to Indian Railway construction company

3883. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority has not yet allotted land to Indian Railway Construction Company for the construction of MIG flats;