

utilised either for growing vegetables or for town-planning.

Raw Film Factory

*829. **Shri Nanjappa:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) whether any report has been received from the Madras Government regarding the selection of a site near Ootacamund, Nilgiri District, Madras State, for the location of a raw film factory; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Nanjappa. May I know who are the sponsors of this company and why there is delay?

Shri Satish Chandra: There are no partners. The factory is proposed to be set up in the public sector, but the negotiations have not been finalised.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know whether the Government is negotiating with the East German Government regarding the establishment of a raw film factory in Ootacamund?

Shri Satish Chandra: That is so, but there is also another offer. All these are under consideration at present.

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know whether the Government have decided about the location of this raw film factory?

Shri Satish Chandra: A delegation which came from one of the concerns visited several sites and it came to certain tentative conclusions.

Mr. Speaker. The Government have not yet decided. All that the hon. Member wanted was whether the Government have decided upon the location of this factory.

Shri Satish Chandra: Not yet finalised.

Nuclear Energy

*831. **Shri M. K. Ghosh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether an overall medical examination has been carried out on the persons working with nuclear energy in view of the report published by the World Health Organisation; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). An overall medical examination of the personnel coming in contact with the radioactive substances is periodically conducted by the Medical & Health Division of the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay, because of the hazards involved in the work on the development of atomic energy. This Division also keeps a constant watch on the health of the workers concerned and takes such remedial measures as are necessary.

The Health Physics Division of the Trombay Establishment is responsible for protecting the personnel of the Establishment from the harmful effects of radiation and accordingly, it provides a film badge service and laboratory monitoring service for all persons handling radioactive materials.

I might explain what that film badge service is. Perhaps hon. Members may not understand that. A kind of film is worn on the coat and the wrists which registers any kind of radioactive effects. So, this film badge is taken out and examined once a week to see what has been the effect and