

agricultural crops by pests. Under this scheme pesticides are supplied to cultivators at 50 per cent. of the cost price and equipment such as sprayers and dusters are made available to them on loan. Technical advice is also rendered free of charge to the cultivators. The services of plant protection workers for spraying and dusting of crops are also available to cultivators free of charge.

Pinto and Rotary Oil Mills

*1146. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the revising of the compounding rate for the pinto and rotary oil mills;

(b) if so, in what form;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether representations have been received from organisations of oil mill-owners for revising the compounded levy scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a), (b) and (d). Yes, Sir. Several representations have been received from organisations of oil mill-owners for revising the compounded levy scheme, and the whole question, therefore, is under active examination of the Government. As soon as a final decision is taken, the revised scheme will be duly notified.

(c) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Precision Instruments

*1147. **Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether Government have any plan for manufacturing precision instruments for ensuring self-sufficiency for defence needs?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah): The Ordnance Factories are already manufacturing or developing the manufacture of a large number of precision instruments, Service requirements of which are si-

gnificant. Further plans for expanding the capacity in Ordnance Factories for instrument manufacture are under consideration.

Mineral Exploration in Orissa

*1148. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have approached the Government of India for any financial assistance to explore the mining prospects in the State;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been forwarded by the Orissa Government; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Export of Scrap

*1149. **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the effect in terms of export of barter export policy in relation to scrap; and

(b) whether Government propose to regularise the export of scrap on barter basis?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The export of scrap has considerably increased.

(b) There is no proposal to export scrap only on barter basis.

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