

श्री एम० एम० शाह : जी हां, मैं वहां पिछले सप्ताह गया था और मजदूर मित्रों से मेरी बात हुई थी और मैं आशा करता हूँ कि थोड़े ही समय में इस सारे मामले का फैसला हो जायगा ।

श्री भक्त वर्मान : नाहन फाउंडरी के बारे में जो सिफारिश एस्टीमेट्स कमिटी ने की थी, क्या उस पर कोई निर्णय कर लिया गया है और क्या इस बात का कोई फैसला किया गया है कि आया इसका केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा संचालन होना चाहिये या हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार द्वारा तथा इसको नाहन से अम्बाला या दूसरी जगह ले जाया जाये ।

श्री एम० एम० शाह : फिलहाल तो उसे भारत सरकार ही चलायेगी ।

MONAZITE SANDS

*2287. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Andhra University Team of Geologists estimated the possibility of exploiting several thousands of tons of Thorium bearing Monazite sands in the Andhra State beaches; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to utilize them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). A field party of the Department of Atomic Energy working under the supervision of the Head of the Geology Department of Andhra University is engaged on estimation of reserves of Ilmenite and Monazite in the Andhra State beaches. This work is still in progress and the question of utilisation of Monazite sands available does not arise at this stage.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire whether any report has been received from the team mentioned in the question? May I also enquire whether it has reached that stage where it has to be taken up for exploitation by the Raw Materials Division of the Atomic Energy Commission?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is the Atomic Energy Department that is dealing with this matter. The Andhra University professors and students are

working under the direction of the Atomic Energy Department. The reports thus far received—they are interim reports—are fairly encouraging. The final reports have not yet come. Obviously if the reports are good, action will be taken there subject to this that for the moment we have quite enough of this material in the Travancore beaches.

Shri A. M. Thomas: From the reports so far received, may I enquire whether on examination it was found to be a sound financial proposition to exploit the resources there?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I said that these were interim reports. I have not got the reports here. All I know is that the initial reports are encouraging, whatever that may mean. But, so far as finances are concerned, it is not a thing which is normally taken to the world markets because these are protected minerals, strategic minerals. They may always be useful, unless they are in very small quantities so that it is very difficult to extract them.

Shri Kamath: Is it a fact that under the aegis of the Department of Atomic Energy, a thorium production plant has been constructed, and if so where is it located? How many tons of thorium is it expected to produce per annum?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot give these specific replies without proper notice, Sir.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether these monazite sands are available in large quantities in Andhra?

Mr. Speaker: That has been answered.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That is the enquiry being made. They are there. In what quantities they are there, definitely, we cannot say. But on the whole it appears that they are there in fair quantities.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Some time ago the hon. Prime Minister was pleased to say that monazite sands are

available in the Madras beach also. Is it contiguous with the Andhra beach?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know, Sir.

TRAINING CENTRE AT NILOKHERI

*2288. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the progress so far made in the matter of opening a training centre at Nilokheri in the State of Punjab by the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): Action is being taken to obtain possession of the land, to recruit the staff and to procure equipment required for the centre. A proposal to start the centre in tents, pending construction of buildings, is also under consideration.

डा० सत्यवादी : यह मामला कितनी देर तक तय हो जायेगा ?

श्री सतीशचन्द्र : कुछ महीनों के अन्दर ही इसका फैसला हो जाना चाहिये। जमीन के बारे में पंजाब गवर्नमेंट से बात-चीत हो रही है।

डा० सत्यवादी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस सेंटर में किन किन दस्तकारियों की तालीम का इन्तजाम किया जा रहा है ?

श्री सतीशचन्द्र : उस में खादी की कताई और बुनाई, तेल घानी, चर्मकारी का काम और दूसरे ग्रामोद्योग सिखाये जायेंगे। खादी बोर्ड के अन्तर्गत सभी उद्योग इस में आते हैं।

Shri B. S. Murthy: In today's papers it is reported that the administration of Nilokheri area will be taken over by the Centre. May I know whether that has been under contemplation by the Government?

Shri Satish Chandra: This centre has nothing to do with that matter. This is a separate centre to be established by the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board, in addition to the existing arrangements there.

श्री हेमराज : क्या इस सेंटर में अम्बर खर्च की कताई का काम भी सिखाया जायेगा ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : खादी बोर्ड पर जिन उद्योगों की जिम्मेदारी है, वे सभी इस सेंटर में सिखाये जायेंगे।

सेठ अचल सिंह : इस ट्रेनिंग सेंटर में कितना रुपया खर्च किया जायेगा ?

श्री सतीशचन्द्र : करीब करीब साढ़े तीन लाख रुपया खर्च होना है।

डा० सत्यवादी : क्या यह तय कर दिया गया है कि इस सेंटर में कितने ट्रेनिंग लिये जायेंगे ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : इस के लिये नोटिस चाहिये।

TERRITORIAL WATERS

*2289. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt is made to have treaties on territorial waters with maritime countries like Burma and Ceylon and other neighbouring countries for mutual assistance and salvage in times of distress in each other's territorial waters; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). No.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether any attempts are being made to demarcate the fishing rights of India?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The matter is under consideration. But it is proposed to control fishing activities in the high seas situated within 100 miles from the outer limit of the territorial seas of India.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the neighbouring countries have made any proposal about such agreements or whether the Government of India has not been contemplating of such agreements?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: There is no intention so far, Sir, to enter into an agreement with any country on the subject of territorial waters.