

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of the businessmen of Goa?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation urged, *inter alia*, for (i) implementation of the Import Policy for January-March, 1962; (ii) reduction of the number of items the import of which is prohibited, and (iii) release of parcels which have already arrived in Goa.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Manufacture of Electro-Technical Porcelain

1027. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether negotiation between Jammu and Kashmir Government and Italian firm on collaboration for the manufacture of electro-technical porcelain by the State-owned Kashmir ceramic factory is finalised?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Trade Agreement with Iran

1028. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the trade and commerce agreement with Iran has been renewed?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): No, Sir. Negotiations for a new Agreement are going on.

Prospects of Uranium in Bihar Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh

1029. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the drills have been diverted to Bihar, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh to meet the urgent needs of the States for better prospecting of Uranium;

(b) if so, whether any new deposits have been found out which have commercial value; and

(c) in which places the drilling is going on at present?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The drilling operations which are in progress at a number of localities along the Singhbhum Copper Belt in Bihar in the Mahbubnagar district of Andhra Pradesh and in the Udaipur, Jaipur and Jhunjhunu districts of Rajasthan, have given indications of radioactive mineralization, but the potentiality of deposits for commercial exploitation can be established only after detailed investigations, currently also in progress, are completed.

Finance Scheme for Export Promotion

1030. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the Japanese method of export financing popularly known as the short-term finance; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to draw out a programme of issuing short-term finance to export trade to increase export and gain foreign exchange?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. Various concessions granted in Japan in regard to financing of exports have been examined.

(b) A Committee has recently been appointed to go into the matter more comprehensively.