

Indians Employed with Radio Peking

1171. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 848 on the 16th March, 1963 and state:

(a) whether any attempts have been or are being made to obtain the information about Shri Sharma and his wife employed by the Chinese Government; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha):

(a) and (b). The Embassy of India, Peking, is alive to the necessity of obtaining more information about the details of Mr. and Mrs. Sharmas' employment by the Chinese Government. However, in the peculiar circumstances in which the Indian Embassy operates at Peking, it has not been possible to ascertain any fresh details.

Uranium Deposits in Bihar

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| 1172. | { | Shri Subodh Hansda: |
| | | Shri D. C. Sharma: |
| | | Shri H. C. Soy: |
| | | Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: |
| | | Shri Indrajit Gupta: |
| | | Shrimati Savitri Nigam: |
| | | Shri P. R. Chakraverti: |
| | | Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: |

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of uranium deposits has been found in Bhatin area in Bihar State;

(b) whether this reserve is suitable for exploitation; and

(c) if so, where this will be milled for atomic fuel?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) A promising deposit of uranium ore has been located in

Bhatin in the Singhbhum district of Bihar.

(b) Investigations to assess its potentiality for commercial exploitation are still in progress.

(c) The question of milling the ore will arise only if the extent of the deposit and the grade of the ore justify such processing.

Labour Educational Seminars in Philippines

1173. Shri Shashi Ranjan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of passports to trade Union workers for attending labour educational seminars and conferences in Philippines during the third and the fourth week of December, 1963 required the approval of Ministry of Labour; and

(b) if so, the names of persons attached to different trade unions who were granted passports?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Passports are issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. Sometimes other Ministries or Departments, as the case may be, are also consulted.

(b) None.

Supply of Raw Hides

1174. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the contractors in Kanpur are not supplying raw hides regularly to the Government Harness and Saddlery Factory, Kanpur; and

(b) if so, the steps taken against them?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The supply of Raw Hides from contractors in Kanpur is considered to be satisfactory but