

demand for these radio-active products in India and also demands from foreign countries. Import is restricted to a few specialised labelled compounds and high specific active cobalt-60. About 8000 consignments of radioisotopes have been sold by the Trombay Establishment since 1958 for use in agriculture, industry, hospitals and medical and research institutions, both here and in other countries e.g. Afghanistan, Australia, Ceylon, France, Pakistan, South Korea and Thailand. An order has also been recently received from the International Atomic Energy Agency.

(b) Details of a large number of radioisotopes produced at Trombay, their specific activities, prices, etc., are given in a publication entitled "Radioactive Products", a copy of which is available in the library of the House. The importance of radioisotopes lies in their use in the fields of agriculture, biology, industry, medicine and research. So far as industry is concerned, radioisotopes and sources of radiation are used as tools of scientific investigation, detection, measurement and control. Expert services in the field of application of radioisotopes in industry are also provided by the Trombay Establishment. Radiography cameras with iridium-192 and cobalt-60 sources have been made available to check the quality of welds and castings. Successful experiments have been carried out using the radio-tracer technique in studying silt movement in various harbours. The results of these studies have saved the port authorities concerned considerable amounts of money in dredging operations.

Flying Accident near Agra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a flying accident took place near Agra on the 30th July, 1964;

(b) if so, whether a court of enquiry has been ordered; and

(c) the result thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Full facts will be known when the report of the Court of Inquiry is received.

Sardar Patel Memorial Lectures

970. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken as to who will deliver the Sardar Patel Memorial lectures this year;

(b) whether the invitation issued by the former Minister in this connection has been cancelled after it had been accepted; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indra Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No formal invitation had been issued by the former Minister in this connection. The question of cancellation, therefore, does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Irrigation and Power Projects in Nepal

971. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the implementation of the irrigation and power projects by the Indian Aid Mission in Nepal;

(b) when the projects will be completed; and

(c) the sum allocated for these projects and the amount already spent?