

The Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy has no knowledge whether any such scheme has been prepared by the State Government.

(c) and (d). In reply to an enquiry from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding the economics of setting up a nuclear power station in the Morena region of Madhya Pradesh, that Government was advised that as the demand for power in that region was limited and the distance from load centres considerable, it would not be economical to set up a nuclear power station.

Sale of Rice by Formosa to India

1435. Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Shri D. N. Deb:

Shri P. K. Deo:

Shri D. N. Patodia:

Shri S. K. Tapariah:

Shri Gadlingana Gowd:

Shri Mohamed Imam:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Formosa have made a tentative offer to sell 2,00,000 metric tons of rice to India to meet the food shortage; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

चिडोही नालाओं से बरामद हुई बृहत् सामग्री

1436. श्री जयप्रकाश राव जोशी :

श्री हुकम चन्द कल्याण :

क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि भारत में बेरिलिया चीकी पर नाका चिडोहियों द्वारा

किये गये बंदेशिक-कार्य में बरामद हुई बृहत् सामग्री पर "पाकिस्तान में निमित्त" चिह्न प्रकृत है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में पाकिस्तान की सरकार के साथ कोई पत्र-व्यवहार किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में पाकिस्तानी सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री सु० क० चागला) : (क) सरकार को इस तरह की कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उत्पन्न।

Ilmenite Processing near Quilon

1437. Shri George Fernandes:

Shri J. H. Patel:

Shri A. Sreedharan:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Indian and American firms processing ilmenite from the beach sand near Quilon in Kerala;

(b) the terms of collaboration agreement with the American firm; and

(c) when the project is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy): (a) Presently, Messrs F.X.P. Minerals—a Kerala Government undertaking—is engaged in the processing of ilmenite from the beach sands of Kerala. No American firm is processing ilmenite there.

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