

(b), to (e). Do not arise.

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereto ?

[English]

Completion of Border Road in Arunachal Pradesh

3464. SHRI WANGPHA LOWANG : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of road from Roing to Anini in Arunachal Pradesh by the Border Road Task Force (BRTF) was started in 1969 and still the road has remained incomplete ; and

(b) how many Kilometers are left and when the road shall be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) The road Roing to Anini is a combination of two road sectors, namely, Roing-Hunli (89.75 kms) and Hunli-Anini (148.75 kms). The road sector Roing-Hunli, which was entrusted to Border Roads Organisation in 1969, was completed in 1976. The road sector Hunli-Anini, which was entrusted to Border Roads Organisation in 1976 has been completed upto Km. 113.

(b) About 36 kms. of road in the Hunli-Anini sector is likely to be completed by 1987.

Shifting of Thorium Plant at Trombay

3465. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the thorium plant in Trombay at Bombay is likely to be shifted from Bombay ;

(b) if so, whether there is strong opposition to the proposal for the shifting of the plant by trade Unions as well as by the Maharashtra Government ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Indian Rare Earths Limited, a public sector undertaking has initiated action for setting up a new Thorium Plant at a location outside Bombay in place of the old existing Plant at Trombay, Bombay. The new location is yet to be finalised.

(b) Indian Rare Earths Worker's Union has protested against the proposal to locate the new Plant outside Bombay. The Government of Maharashtra have written to Central Government enquiring the position in this regard on the basis of the letter from the above Union.

(c) When the new Plant is established elsewhere and the existing old plant is eventually closed down, the employees who opt to shift to the new location will be transferred. Others will be provided alternative employment under other units of the Department of Atomic Energy located in Bombay. Those who opt to take retirement will be paid due compensation.

Collaboration for Manufacturing of V.C.R.

3466. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the precise terms and conditions of the collaboration entered into by Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation with Grundig, the West German Electronics firm, for manufacture of Video Cassette recorders ;

(b) whether the West German firm will transfer the technology and know-how for the manufacture of VCRs; and

(c) the details of savings in term of foreign exchange as a result of indigenous