

(c) to (e) The balance of FF 715.8 million is available for projects mutually agreed upon. The projects which are now mutually envisaged to use these credit funds include Palghat DTAX Project, short-circuit testing laboratory of the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore, several thick-seam coal mining projects, PABX manufacturing Plants, etc. There is no allocation of French credit funds for ships or automobile components.

Award to Hindi Writers and other Regional Languages on Writing Books on Steel

4957. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to introduce a scheme for giving awards to authors writing original books in Hindi relating to steel and on other concerned subjects ;

(b) if so, the object of the scheme ;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the proposal to give awards to authors writing similar books in Oriya and other regional languages ;

(d) if so, whether necessary direction is proposed to be given to prepare the scheme accordingly ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The object of the scheme is to encourage preparation and writing of standard original books in Hindi on the subject relating to Steel and on other subjects coming under the purview of the Ministry of Steel and Mines.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The object of the scheme is to encourage authors to write original books in Hindi only. At present there is no proposal to give awards to authors writing similar books in Oriya and other regional languages.

Import-Export Pass Book Scheme

4958. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal for launching an import-export pass-book scheme ;

(b) if so, when it is going to be launched ; and

(c) the purpose of launching such a scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme is likely to be made effective from 1st January, 1986.

(c) This Scheme is being introduced for regular manufacturer-exporters to provide duty free access to imported inputs for export production. This scheme which is broader in its coverage than the existing Advance Licensing Scheme will help the registered manufacturer-exporters to obtain their requirements of imported raw-materials etc. duty free to suit their production/export time schedule and simplify the system for issue of Import licences by eliminating procedural delays. The need for applying repeatedly for such licences will be eliminated with the issue of such a Pass Book which will also incorporate a duty free import licence.

Development of Atray and Taptapani Hot Springs in Orissa

4959. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hot water springs in the country ;

(b) the names of the States where those hot water springs are located ;