

(d) The total number of Army deserters is 2,709. The number of those killed is 49. 15 are still in jails.

(e) 49.

[English]

Decline in TV sale

4810. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fall in the sale of televisions last year;

(b) whether Government propose to lift excise duty imposed upon black and white T.V.; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to bring T.V. to the reach of rural buyers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) There has been a marginal decline in TV production from 4.4 million nos. in 1988 to 4 million nos. in 1989 for Black and White TV sets, and from 1.3 million nos. in 1988 to 1.2 million nos. in 1989 for Colour TV sets.

(b) and (c). Black and White TV sets of screen size exceeding 15 cms. but not exceeding 36 cms are already exempt from payment of excise duty. At present, there is no proposal to exempt other categories of Black and White TV sets:

The TV industry has been advised to step up marketing and after-sales-service arrangements in rural/semi-urban and remote locations and to devise imaginative ways of increasing sales.

'Oak Forests'

4811. SHRI C.M. NEGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any statistical survey of Oak forests in the country as a whole;

(b) if so, the area under oak forests in the country and in the districts of Pauri, Chamoli, Tehri, Uttarkashi and Almora of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the name of place and area where the biggest oak forests are found in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken for oak plantations and preservation in Garhwal Hills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nuclear Fuel Complex and Orissa sand Complex

4812. SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the present status of the Nuclear Fuel Complex and Orissa Sand Complex with regard to completion and achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): Nuclear Fuel Complex was established at

Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh in the early 70s to manufacture critical nuclear components for the first generation power reactors. The present production capacities are adequate to meet the requirements of fuel for the existing operating Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors. The production capacity of the plants is being enhanced to meet the requirement of Atomic Power Projects under construction i.e upto Narora Atomic Power Project-II

The Orissa Sands Complex a Project of Indian Rare Earths went into commercial production from October, 1986. The production of minerals during the year 1989-90 is as under:

Ilmenite	...	88671 M.T.
Rutile	...	223 M.T.
Zircon	...	1118 M.T.
Sillimanite	...	197 M.T.
Synthetic Rutile	...	7670 MT.
Monazite	...	589 M.T.

Certain addition/modification work in Orissa Sands Complex is in progress. On completion of this work, the production will increase substantially.

[*Translation*]

Recommendations of KVS Review Committee

4813. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Review Committee in regard to the method of nomination to the post of Chairman and his powers;

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Review Committee recommended the "The Sangathan should be headed by a full time Chairman who should be an educationist."

(b) and (c). Government have taken the view that the Minister of State (Education) should continue to be the Chairman of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the Board of Governors.

[*English*]

UGC Grant to Universities for Books and Journals

4814. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has been providing funds to different universities for purchase of books and journals for its libraries;

(b) if so, the amount of UGC grants given to different universities for that purpose in the last 3 years; and

(c) the amount granted to Berhampur University in Orissa for Purchase of books in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE