

Srinagar H.E. Project (6x55) 330 MW was sanctioned in January, 1988. The latest estimated cost is 592.45 crores (March, 1992 price level).

(c) to (e) The Project was being executed by Uttar Pradesh Government with World Bank assistance. The World Bank loan for the project was cancelled in August, 1992. The total expenditure incurred on the project upto March, 1993 is Rs. 77 crores (approx.) Funds for the execution of the project have to be provided by Government of Uttar Pradesh, but due to fund constraints, Government of Uttar Pradesh has not been allocating any funds for this project in the last 2 years.

[English]

Acquisition of Tanks by Pakistan

656. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in Hindustan Times dated December 19, 1993 regarding Pakistan acquiring tanks from Britain; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on national security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Gold Availability in KGF

657. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a feasible percentage of Gold exist in North of Kolar Gold Field upto Srinivasapura;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to take up extraction of Gold through shallow mining in the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No confirmed findings to this effect are available at present.

(b) to (d) Do-not arise.

[Translation]

Battery Operated Buses

659. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the States and Union Territories where battery operated pollution free buses are being run;

(b) the names of the States and Union Territories where they have been withdrawn; and

(c) the amount of loss suffered as a