

Survey Regarding Uranium Deposits

2346. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out uranium deposits in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States and Districts where such uranium deposits have been discovered;

(c) whether any exploration activities have been undertaken to explore uranium; and

(d) if so, the results achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Uranium anomalies have been located in large number of states through out the country. Names of the states with districts in which the uranium occurrence have been recently located by the Atomic Minerals Division, are given below:

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Mehboobnagar, Nalgonda, Nellore and Prakasam.
Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng.
Bihar	Singhbhum, Palamau
Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur, Kulu, Kinnaur, Simla, Chamba.
Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur.
Karnataka	North Kanara & South Kanara.
Madhya Pradesh	Rajnandgaon, Surguja, Bilaspur.
Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills & Garo Hills.
Rajasthan	Udaipur & Alwar.
Sikkim	West & East Sikkim.
Uttar Pradesh	Tehri-Garwal, Saharanpur, Dehradun.

(c) and (d) The Atomic Minerals Division has been conducting geological surveys as well as detailed ground investigations

in many parts of the promising areas and has established reserves of about 73,000 tonnes of uranium (U_3O_8) in indicated and inferred categories. Further exploration is continuing in identifying more reserves.

Creation of Forestry Department

2347. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the number of forest villages in the country and the number of tribals living there; and

(b) whether Government have also made plan for the development of forest dwellers during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) The States having forest villages are Assam, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and West Bengal. There are in all 2285 forest villages with a population of about 17.12 lakhs, who are mostly tribal people.

(b) Guidelines for the development of forest villages have been circulated by the Central Government to all the States. The concerned State Governments are taking action to draw up plans and schemes for implementation during the Seventh Plan period (1985-90).

Setting up of Nuclear Power Plant in Kerala

2348. SHRI V S VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kerala had demanded the setting up of a nuclear power plant in the State;

(b) whether any expert team had visited certain sites in Kerala in this connection; and

(c) if so, the findings of the team and the final decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.