

(b) whether objective of the scheme was to enable the exporter to meet competition in foreign markets and to develop marketing competency;

(c) if so, whether the objectives have been achieved; and

(d) if not, the steps contemplated by Government to attain the objectives ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d). Cash Compensatory Support Scheme was introduced as an instrument for promotion of exports and to provide compensation for various disadvantages faced by exporters. The Scheme has been reviewed from time to time and is presently valid upto 31st December, 1985. Government have taken steps for continuance of the Scheme beyond this date.

Construction of Tourist Bungalows at Tourist Spots

1755. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa is fast developing a major tourist industry;

(b) whether the State Government have approached the Union Government with a plan proposing construction of tourist bungalows at various tourist spots spread all over the State; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the plan of State Government and the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Geological Survey in Mandla District in Madhya Pradesh

1756. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times geological survey has been conducted in Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh during the past ten years and the details of the outcome of each such survey;

(b) whether geological survey is proposed to be conducted in Mandla district during this year;

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is possibility of finding gold in the National Park Kanha Kisli near Malaj Khand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) During the last ten years Geological Survey of India has carried out 15 geological surveys in the Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh which include one bauxite investigation, one systematic geological mapping, one geothermal, ten geotechnical and two palaeontological investigations. Possible bauxite reserves of 2.4 million tonnes ranging in quality from Grade II have been estimated. Besides, Geological Survey of India has also rendered advice to 5 Engineering projects during this period. The geological mapping covering 1500 sq. km. area in parts of Mandla, Seoni and Jabalpur districts has resulted in additional data on the stratigraphy of Deccan Trap.

(b) and (c). The surveys carried out so far did not warrant any immediate follow up work. However, two provisional geotechnical items have been included for 1985-86 Field Season Programme, subject to sponsoring from Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.

(d) There is no reported primary gold occurrence in Kanha Kisli area. However, the sand of Banjar River flowing through Kanha Kisli area is reported to contain minor particles of gold which is of no economic importance.

[English]

Introduction of National Cheque Clearing System

1757. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :