

(b) whether the Government of Portugal led by President Soares have indicated its willingness to settle the longstanding issue of gold belonging to the Indian nationals of the former Portuguese colonies of Goa, Daman and Diu; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to get this gold released from the Lisbon Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN)

(a) The value of the gold ornaments in the custody of 'Bance National Ultermarino' in Lisbon is estimated to be Rs.1.5 to Rs. 2 crores.

(b) and (c) The matter is still under the examination of the Portuguese authorities. Government has recently taken up the matter with the Portuguese Foreign Minister.

Non-functioning of Unit-I of MAPP

6828. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one generating Unit of Madras Atomic Power Plant at Kalpakkam is shut down due to the defect developed in the generating transformer supplied by BHEL, Bhopal;

(b) if so, the reasons for this defect and what effective steps Government are taking to start this stock unit immediately; and

(c) whether there was a penalty clause in the agreement with BHEL against supplying defective equipments to safeguard the MAPP interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) Insulation on one of the windings of the transformer has failed. Action has been initiated to repair the same. In the meanwhile,

a transformer from Narora Atomic Power Project is being diverted to Kalpakkam in order to reduce the outage.

(c) The contract with BHEL includes standard clauses covering acceptance tests and performance warranty.

Fifth Antarctica Expedition

6829. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Fifth Antarctica Expedition has just returned after successful completion of their work;

(b) if so, what were the task assigned to this team and their observations during this expedition; and

(c) the details of the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir. The fifth Indian expedition to Antarctica returned on 24.3.1986.

(b) The task assigned to this team included the survey of progressively larger and larger area covering the eastern Wohlthat mountain region in Antarctica and the continuation of scientific investigations in the fields of geology, geophysics, meteorology and history. Detailed reports of the investigations are awaited.

(c) The team consisted of 88 persons. The number of scientists in the team was 21 including two women scientists of which one of the women members visited Antarctica for the second time. The number of logistic personnel was 67. 14 members of the team have been left behind to undergo wintering and will return in March 1987.

Installation of Computers in Passport Offices

6830. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :