

(b) The Geological Survey of India in collaboration with Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, National Mineral Development Corporation and Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh have been carrying out the exploration for diamond under the National Diamond Exploration Project since 1980 in Wajrakarur Belt of Anantapur District and over Banganapalli conglomerate in Kurnool District. In Wajrakarur Belt four pipes were found to be diamondiferous. Incidence of diamonds is poor.

(c) Geological, Geophysical and Geochemical studies undertaken by GSI and NGRI in Jonnagiri-Wajrakarur-Kalyandurg Belt has resulted in the discovery of two new kimberlite bodies one at Venkatampalli by NGRI and second by GSI at Lattavaram Tanada in the Anantapur District recently. During 1987-88 field season, Geological Survey of India has programmes for detailed exploration in the newly discovered kimberlite bodies and continuation of geophysical surveys to locate possible buried kimberlite pipes.

(d) and (e) : Diamond is a Scheduled Mineral and Mining lease is granted by the State Government in consultation with the Central Government.

Construction cost of Nurses Hostel of Safdarjang Hospital

1916. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the cost of construction of hostel for Nurses in Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken to put the building to use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARE) : (a) The cost of construction of hostel for Nurses in Safdarjang Hospital is Rs. 218.00 lakhs upto October, 1987,

(b) The Nurses Hostel has not yet been handed over by the C.P.W.D. to the Safdarjang Hospital for want of "No Objection" certificate from N.D.M.C. and clearance from Chief Fire Officer. The C.P.W.D. have been requested to hand over the building to Safdarjang Hospital for being used.

Electrification of Railway Lines in South Central Railway

1917. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the electrification of tracks on South Central Railway is lagging behind the schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas on South Central Railway where electrification is behind the schedule; and

(d) the time by which the entire work is expected to be completed when compared with other Zonal Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Following electrification projects on the South Central Railway are in progress at present and are scheduled to be completed as indicated against each :

(i) Vijayawada- 88-89
Balharshah

(ii) Krishna Canal- 88-89
Guntur-
Tenali

(iii) Kazipet- Preliminary works
Sanatnagar taken up during
87-88. Target yet to
be fixed.