

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a report published in Hong Kong Military Journal "Comilli" stating that China is building up fairly large nuclear arsenal and already possesses nuclear artillery and mines keeping in view that China has refused to sign either the Nuclear Non-Proleferation Treaty or the Partial Test Ban Treaty;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking so that India is not taken unaware as in 1962 Chinese attack;

(c) whether Government are aware that China has nuclear powered submarines equipped with a two stage solid fuel system and tactical nuclear war-heads in two to 20 kictan range and T-5 short range ballistic missiles (SRBM) at about 100 km. range;

(d) whether Government propose to equip our Armed Forces with nuclear war-heads and submarines, keeping in view military preparation of China and Pakistan; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken to defend our country ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :
(a) and (b). Government keep a constant watch on all developments impinging on our security.

Reports published in Hongkong Military Journal stating about China's increasing nuclear capabilities have been noted by Government and appropriate measures, consistent with our policy, taken to ensure defence preparedness.

(c) : Government have seen some reports in this regard.

(d) and (e). India remains committed to the policy of peaceful uses of atomic-energy. However, our defence plans are

suitably updated to meet all emerging situations.

[Translation]

Manufacture of Atom Bomb by Pakistan

362. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is engaged in manufacturing an atomic bomb; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for the security of the country against the danger of the atom bomb ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :

(a) Available information suggests that Pakistan is continuing her efforts to develop Uranium enrichment and nuclear fuel reprocessing capability which enable her to detonate a nuclear device.

(b) Government keep all such developments which have a bearing on our security under constant watch with a view to taking appropriate measures to ensure the security of the country.

[English]

Minerals in Manipur

363. SHRI MEIJNLUNG KAMSON : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to State :

(a) whether any concrete steps have been taken up for tapping mineral resources in Manipur;

(b) if so, the progress made so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT TATHE) :
(a) to (c). So far about 8 million tonnes

of cement grade limestone have been identified in Manipur. Based on these resources, a cement project of 50 tons capacity per day is under implementation.

Priority to Industrial Sector for North Eastern States in Seventh Plan

364. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are giving priority to the industrial sector in respect of the North Eastern States in the Seventh Plan allocations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the sectors receiving priority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) : The Seventh Plan outlays are still to be decided. In taking decisions the guidelines in respect of regional disparities indicated in the Approach Paper for the Seventh Plan will be kept in mind.

[*Translation*]

Production and Demand of Coal

365. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state the comparative details of production and demand of coal for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

The comparative details of production and demand of coal for the last three years are given as under : —

(Figs. in million tonnes)

Year	Production	Demand	
		Original estimated	Actual off-take
1981-82	124.23	127.04	122.45
1982-83	130.50	137.00	127.78
1983-84	138.22	147.17	134.88

[*English*]

Programme for Women in Seventh Plan

366. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Seventh Plan document continues to adopt the "household" approach towards programmes for women even though national women's organisations had suggested that such approach should be dropped ; and

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission would invite women's organisations to discuss this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) : The Seventh Plan Document is yet to be finalised. The views expressed by Women's Organisations regarding "household" approach towards programmes for women will be taken into account while finalising the Seventh Five Year Plan.