

posal to set up units of H.M.T. and Bharat Heavy Electricals in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b).. The Minister of Commerce & Industries, Public Undertakings and Closed and Sick Industries of the Government of West Bengal requested the Minister of State for Industries that some major heavy engineering industries of the Central Public Sector like HMT and BHEL may set up units in West Bengal. The position has been clarified to the Hon'ble Minister. Proposals to set up units of the type envisaged are considered by the respective public sector companies on the basis of their needs, techno-economic feasibility etc. These are submitted to the Government for their approval where necessary. Presently, neither BHEL nor HMT have any proposal under consideration for setting up a unit in the State of West Bengal. However, HMT have already sponsored a Watch Assembly unit at Darjeeling which has been functioning successfully with the technical know-how and the management support of HMT, producing 2,50,000 wrist watches per annum. HMT has also been providing management help to two industries which require rehabilitation, viz. Bharat Electricals Industries Limited, Calcutta and India Machinery Company Limited, Calcutta.

#### Uranium Deposits in Baster Dist., of M.P.

552. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists of Atomic Mineral Division have found good deposits of uranium in Baster Dist. of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Atomic Mineral Division has also established by surface exploration an inferred reserve of uranium in Bondal area of Rajnandgaon in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the estimated reserves in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c). There are indications of uranium mineralisation in some areas of Baster Dist., Madhya Pradesh. It is too early to make an estimate of the reserves in these areas. As regards the Bondal area, about 2000 Tonnes of indicated reserves have been estimated so far.

#### Third Wage Board for Sugar Industry

553. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to appoint a third wage board for Sugar Industry which was under the consideration of the Government, has been finally decided;

(b) if so, the salient feature thereof; and

(c) when the Wage Board is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Setting up of Nucleus Units in West Bengal

554. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the details of steps taken by Government about the setting up of nucleus units in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): The West Bengal Government have identified Jalpaiguri and Bankura districts for the establishment of industrial complexes under the "Nucleus Plants Programme". A Task