

Assam and the Union Territories of Manipur and Tripura

(b) and (c). The State Bank's pilot scheme for advancing loans to small scale industries will shortly be extended to Dibrugarh in Assam State. The scheme is not being extended to the Union Territories of Tripura and Manipur as the State Bank has no branch in these areas. The assistance which the small scale industries in these Territories obtains is under the State Aid to Industries Act.

#### Supplies Dropped in NEFA

699. Shri L. Achaw Singh. Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the total quantity of supplies dropped in NEFA during 1957, and

(b) the total amount of freight paid to the private companies for such supplies during that year?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 8,869.5 Tons Gross

(b) An amount of Rs 23,33,917 has been paid in 1957 to private companies in part payment of their bill for the supplies dropped by them in 1957

#### Meeting of Partition Body

700. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the Partition Body of the two Punjabs met recently to settle the outstanding matters between India and Pakistan,

(b) if so, the matters discussed and the decisions taken thereon, and

(c) how far they have been implemented?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes Sir. A meeting of the Punjab Implementation Committee was held in Chandigarh on the 17th and 18th October, 1957

(b) and (c). A copy of the proceedings of the meeting is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [Placed in Library. See LT-564/58]

#### Uranium Ore

701. Shri Shobha Ram: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas in Rajasthan where uranium ores have been discovered,

(b) the nature and potentiality of each area with their analysis results, and

(c) whether the Department of Atomic Energy is going to instal an upgrading plant for treatment of low grade uranium ores of Rajasthan?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b) A number of Uranium ore deposits of various types have been discovered in Udaipur and Jaipur Divisions and Ajmer and Alwar Districts in Rajasthan. Detailed investigations are still in progress for ascertaining the assay value of the ore bodies in bulk and the nature and extent thereof on the basis of which their potentiality for commercial exploitation may be judged

(c) An experimental ore-dressing plant is already in operation at one of the prospects and others are intended to be put up where necessary for preliminary investigations. The question of setting up a full-scale ore-dressing plant will be taken up when the existence of large commercial sources of ore has been established

#### Madurai Ramnad Chamber of Commerce

702. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the Madurai Ramnad Chamber of Commerce gave a Memorandum to him regarding oil and oil