

1983 was 4.596 million tonnes which is higher than the production during the corresponding period in the previous year.

**Introduction of economic Rural Rehabilitation Project Schemes in the Rural Areas of Keonjhar District of Orissa**

1776. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Economic Rural Rehabilitation Project Schemes have been introduced in the rural areas of Keonjhar District in Orissa;

(b) if so, since when the Economic Rural Rehabilitation Project Schemes have been introduced in that district;

(c) the year-wise beneficiaries of the above ERRP scheme in the district; and

(d) the details about the programme proposed to be taken up in 1983-84 in that district?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1980-81.

(c) The number of beneficiaries of the ERRP Scheme in the district is as follows:—

|                       |    |      |
|-----------------------|----|------|
| 1980-81               | .. | 1052 |
| 1981-82               | .. | 2099 |
| 1982-83               | .. | 1719 |
| (Upto December, 1982) |    |      |

(d) The number of beneficiaries to be covered under the scheme in Keonjhar district in the year 1983-84 will be about 6339. The nature of activities covered by this Scheme relate to the development of unused fishery tanks, land development, etc.

**Use of nuclear power plants in space**

1777. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the countries who send the lethal packages (power plants into outer space) into space do not appear to have any precise control

over when and where they might come down and the hazards of radiation to human habitation are ever present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of falling space debris burns up due to friction when entering the earth's atmosphere, but with satellites getting ever bigger, there are increasing possibilities of large chunks surviving the fiery of descent and reaching the surface of the earth; and

(c) if so, whether any help has been sought to help UN-Sponsored international agreements on the use of nuclear power plants in space and to agree on the guidelines on the size and potency of the nuclear pack in order to reduce radiation hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The precise re-entry is a complex phenomenon to predict due to limitations of present day knowledge of atmosphere and re-entry dynamics.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) India takes active part in various international forums to arrive at arrangements to minimise such hazards.

**Extremist activities in Punjab**

1778. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Chief Minister has stated that extremists have once again raised their ugly head in Punjab.

(b) if so, whether the extremists have exploded bombs at different places and have even created a terror for the people in some areas;

(c) if so, whether the State Government has requested Central Government to help the State in crushing the extremist elements in the State; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon and the help Central Government have decided to provide to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) There is no such information.

(b) Some incidents of bomb explosion have occurred in the State in the recent past. The situation in the State is under control.

(c) and (d). On the request made by the Government of Punjab the assistance of Central Police Forces has been provided to the State Government to maintain law and order.

### पट्टेल समिति की सिफारिश

1779. श्री जंजल बशर : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के कुछ जिलों के विकास के लिये योजना आयोग द्वारा गठित पट्टेल समिति की सिफारिशों अभी भी उपयोगी समझी जाती हैं ;

(ख) क्या इन सिफारिशों के आधार पर इन जिलों के विकास हेतु नये निरों से कोई अध्ययन किया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी व्यापक क्या है ; और

(घ) इस बारे में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को क्या मशीनरी दिया गया है ?

योजना मंत्री (श्री एस. बी. चव्हाण):

(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) से (घ). विशिष्ट जिलों की विकास समस्याओं का अध्ययन व उप-राज्यस्तर पर आवंटन राज्य सरकारों के उत्तरदायित्व है । पट्टेल कमिटी, जिसमें केन्द्र व राज्य सरकार के अधिकारियों के गठन का उद्देश्य यह था कि वह इन जिलों के विकास के लिए उचित कार्यनीति बनाने में राज्य सरकार की सहायता करें । इस कमिटी की रिपोर्ट 1964 में प्रस्तुत की गई और 1966 में तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के समाप्त होने के पश्चात इस कमिटी की सिफारिशों के संदर्भ में राज्य सरकार ने इन जिलों में विकास कार्यक्रमों को सूत्रबद्ध व कार्यान्वित करने का काम आरम्भ कर दिया है ।

### Gold discovered by Geologists of B.H.V.

1780. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geologists of the Banaras Hindu University have discovered traces of gold in the ore-Cambrian rocks in Keonjhar district of Orissa;

(b) the quantity of gold estimated per tonne-rock; and

(c) whether the work has been started on this rock and what is the approximate expenditure incurred for 10 grammes of gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) In a paper presented at the Indian Geological Congress in November, 1982, the geologists from Banaras Hindu University mentioned the occurrence of traces of silt-size gold in the sand-stone facies of pre-Cambrian conglomerates of the Kolhan Group in Keonjhar district, Orissa.

(b) and (c). The paper, which was purely scientific in nature, did not give any quantitative assessment of the gold traces.

### Closure of re-rolling mills

1781. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1000 odd steel re-rolling mills are likely be closed rendering 1,00,000 people jobless if the Rs. 140 crore bar and rod mill plan of TISCO is not implemented; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to avert such a crisis in the re-rolling mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b). The Government has no such information.