THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Government Policy encourages exports of engineering goods, including 2 wheeler scooters.

Written Answers

(c) and (d) According to available information, details of number of scooters manufactured year-wise vis-a-vis assessment of domestic demand are given below:—

Written Answers

	*				(Nos)
	1980-81	1981-82	1 9 82-83	1983-84	1984-85
Demand Assessment	214,456	246,000	283,000	325,000	400,00()
Production	213,068	201,088	266,200	300,000 (estimated)	

हिमाचल प्रदेश में यूरेनियम के भंडारों का पाया जाना

295. श्री कृष्णदत्त सुल्तानपुरी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृषा करेंगी कि:

- (क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों पर यूरेनियम के भण्डार पाए गए हैं; और
- (ख) सरकार इस पर कब तक कार्य शुरू कर देगी और तत्सबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी, परमाणु ऊर्जा, अन्तरिक्ष, इलेक्ट्रोनिकी तथा महासागर विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज वी पाटिल): (क) परमाणु खनिज प्रभाग को हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू, चम्बा, शिमला, किन्नौर, कांगड़ा और हमीरपुर जिलों के बहुत से क्षेत्रों में रेडियो सिक्यता संबंधी ऐसी असंगितियां मिली हैं जो तलछटी श्रौर कायातरित, दोनों ही प्रकार की, चट्टानों में यूरेनियम के खनिजन के कारण हैं।

(ख) इस प्रकार की पाई गई असंगितयों का अध्ययन विस्तार से किया जा रहा है और आजकल हमीरपुर जिले (अस्टीथा-खया-लोहा-रिया, गलीथ-सिबल-अन्दलदा) में कुछ ऐसी असंगतियों का, जहां खनिज मिलने की आशा है, ग्रन्वेषण गहन समन्वेषी भू-वेघन और भूमि के नीचे समन्वेषी खनन की सहायता से किया जा रहां है।

Survey on the Flora and Fauna by the Zoological Survey

296. DR. PRATAP WAGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Zoological Survey of India has conducted a survey on the flora and fauna in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details of the survey; and
- (c) the steps proposed by Government against poaching?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) to (c) The survey of the flora and fauna of the country is being conducted on a scientific and continuing basis, respectively by the Botanical Survey of India and the Zoological Survey of India. Identification of the endangered and threatened species of the flora and fauna is one of the important activities of the two Surveys. The work of the two Surveys is reflected in the Annual Reports of the Department of Environment.

2. Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, there are provisions for the protection

of flora and fauna of the country. It lays down strict penalties for infringement. Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), commence in endangered. and threatened species of flora and fauna is regulated. The Wild Life and Forest Departments of the States and Union Territories are furnished with technical expertise and guidelines/guidance in the conservation and protection of flora and fauna and in combating poaching. In the existing 207 Sanctuaries and 45 National Parks of the country, no hunting of any form is permissible. In the following States and Union Territories, there is a total ban on shooting and trapping of wild animals:

States

- 1. Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Kerala
- 3. Karnataka
- 4. Orissa
- 5. Meghalaya
- Haryana
- 7. Sikkim
- 8. Tamilnadu
- 9. West Bengal
- 10. Himachal Pradesh
- 11. Uttar Pradesh

Union Territories

- 1. Goa
- 2. Chandigarh
- 3. Dadra and Nagar Haveli

In the following five States, very restricted hunting limited to only a few common species is permitted during specified seasons only:

States

- 1. Assam
- 2. Gujarat
- 3. Madhya Pradesh
- 4. Maharashtra
- 5. Rajasthan

Some of the States have introduced incentives and rewards to informers of poaching cases leading to conviction of the offenders. A scheme for appointment of Honorary Wildlife Wardens has also been circulated to all the States to maintain vigil against poaching.

New Location Policy for Setting up Laboratories

297. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

- (a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Commission Chairman favours a new location policy with regard to future nuclear power projects:
 - (b) if so, give details of policy;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that efforts are being made to build up a scientific temperament in the country with setting up of new laboratory for research in Plasma Physics, Laser Physics and Computer modelling among other things and the country would have 1,000 scientists by the end of the country; and
- (d) if so, the location for setting up laboratories and estimated expenditure and further details of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) The terms of reference of the Committee for selection of sites for future atomic power stations have since been modified and the Committee has been asked to select suitable sites for clusters of reactors in the country including the eastern region. The Committee will also assess the sites on the basis of power mix, i. e. power contributed by hydel, thermal and nuclear stations to a grid. The Committee will also keep in view the need for balancing Central investment on power in different regions of the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.