

Uranium from United States

4665. **SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL** : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the latest position in regard to getting uranium from United States;

(b) whether Government are trying to get the supply of uranium from other countries also to run plants smoothly; and

(c) if so, the details of the countries approached and the result achieved ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Pursuant to the agreement concluded between India and France in November 1982, France in lieu of U.S. has agreed to supply enriched uranium for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station within the framework of the 1963 Cooperation Agreement. A commercial contract to enable the supply of enriched uranium was subsequently concluded in March 1983. One consignment of enriched uranium has already been received from France. Government have not approached any other country for the supply of enriched uranium for TAPS.

“Spreading of Desert in Kumaon, Garhwal Region of Himalayas, U.P.

4666. **SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA** : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report concerning fast spreading of desert in Kumaon, Garhwal region of Himalayas in U.P., causing serious ecological imbalances and if so, corrective steps taken/proposed;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are several landslides due to felling of trees, deforestation including over-grazing and haphazard and unscientific construction of roads etc., and

(c) whether Government will act immediately in order to halt serious atrocities such as floods, checking of rivers etc. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

(**SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH**) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Revision of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes List.

4667. **SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL** : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering comprehensive revision of the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have asked for comments from all the State Governments including Union Territories in this regard;

(c) if so, how many States and Union Territories have furnished their comments; and

(d) whether Government have asked those States who have not given their comments to expedite their comments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Comments from 15 States and 8 Union Territories have been received in full. The comments of the remaining State Governments have not yet been received or have been only partly received. They are being continuously reminded to expedite their comments.

Recommendations made by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission

4668. **SHRI BHEEKHABHAI** : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of recommendations made by the Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes accepted by Government and form a part of the brochure issued by Department of personnel and Administrative Reforms ;

(b) the number of such recommendations referred to State Governments and Union Territories; and

(c) to what extent the original brochure has been revised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) The Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have so far submitted Four Annual Reports to the Government. Copies of the first two reports have already been placed on both the Houses of parliament. The third and fourth Reports of the Commission are under print. The first and second Reports of the Commission contained 273 and 626 recommendations respectively and the final decision on these recommendations has yet to be taken. As far as the brochure issued by the Department of personnel is concerned, it contains only the orders and instructions of the Government on the subject of reservation etc. in favour of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(b) Copies of first two reports of the Commission have been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territories for appropriate action.

(c) : The latest edition of the Brochure (Sixth Edition) contains many revised features. The said Brochure is already available in Parliament's Library.

Production, Distribution and Road Worthiness of Maruti Cars

4669. SHRI RAM PRASAD AHIRWAR:

SHRI DABU RAO PARANJPE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to replies given to Unstarred Question No. 244 and 372 on 16 November 1983 regarding production and distribution of Maruti Cars and road worthiness of Maruti Vehicles and state :

(a) the delivery schedule of Maruti Cars/Vans for phase-I dealer cities during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) on what basis, will production of cars/vans be allocated between each dealer city and the reasons as to why production will not be allocated in same proportion as

number of consumers in the waiting list for each city;

(c) specific tests of road worthiness being carried on Maruti Cars and Vans by Automotive Research Association of India (Pune) and results thereof till date; and

(d) whether the road worthiness of the vehicles is being tested with manufacturers claims in respect of fuel consumption, maximum load capacity, kerb weight, engine displacement, maximum horse power, compression ratio, turning and ground clearance, if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) The citywise delivery schedules are yet to be worked out by Maruti Udyog Limited.

(b) The inter-city allocation of vehicles will be broadly in proportion to the bookings subject to providing a minimum number of vehicles to each dealer in order to enable him to financially break-even.

(c) and (d) Maruti vehicles are being manufactured by adoption of proven technology. The endurance tests being carried out by Automotive Research Association of India (Pune) are with a view to making further improvements to suit local conditions. The fuel efficiency tests carried out by the Association have established correctness of the claims made by the manufacturer in this respect.

Bauxite Reserves in Eastern Ghats

4670. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge deposits of bauxite reserves have been discovered in the Eastern Ghats running from Orissa to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated reserves and action being taken to exploit the bauxite commercially;

(c) the estimated consumption of bauxite by National Aluminium Company Limited complex it goes into production ;