

**Permission for Exploitation of Gold Deposits by Government of Andhra Pradesh**

7953. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked the Centre to permit them to exploit, on the pattern of Hattea Gold Mines of Mysore, the Gold deposits of Ramagiri in Anantapur District ; and

(b) if so, whether the permission has been given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had in the beginning shown some interest in the exploitation of the Ramagiri Gold deposits by the Andhra Pradesh Mining Corp'n. But after further consideration, they have intimated their inability to take up exploitation of these deposits.

(b) Does not arise.

**Starting of a Spices Research Station at Calicut and Citrus Research Station in Wynad, Kerala**

7954. SHRI UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is contemplating to start a spices Research Station in Calicut and a Citrus Research Station in Wynad, Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the main features of these schemes and the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has formulated project for the establishment of a Central Spices Research Institute during the Fourth Plan period at an estimated cost of about Rs. 50 lakhs. This Institute will have the following divisions to

take up intensive research on the important spices grown in the country :

Division of Genetics.

Division of Plant Pathology.

Division of Entomology.

Division of Soil, Agricultural Chemistry and Agronomy.

This Institute, when established, will become the main centre of research on the large varieties of spices. While basic research on these crops will be done mostly at this Institute the institute will also be having a programme of problem-oriented and problem-solving research. This will supplement the All-India Coordinated Project for Spices Improvement which is already in operation.

A project for the study of the "Citrus decline" disease have also been formulated at a cost of Rs. 39 lakhs to the Council during the Fourth Plan period. Under this project, it is proposed to take up studies to pinpoint the organisms or factors which cause this disease in the various citrus growing regions of the country. A wide collection of citrus germplasm will be collected, scions and stocks will be screened for resistance to the diseases that cause this malady and the resistant material will be multiplied for cultivation. Effective control schedules to improve the gardens affected with this disease will also be worked out region-wise. To take up the above work, it is proposed to establish a main centre at the Institute of Horticultural Research, Hessarghatta, Bangalore and five Regional Centres one each at Kodur (Andhra Pradesh), Wynad (Kerala), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Sriganganagar (Rajasthan) and Jorhat (Assam).

These projects will be implemented after the approval of Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance are obtained.

**Discrimination in Allotment of Shops to Burma Repatriates in Delhi**

7955. SHRI LALADHAR KOTOKI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had approached the Ministry of Works and Housing for release