

(b) The Sarkar Committee in Part II of their report has recommended that there should be an annual Get-together of industrialists and Scientists for exchange of views and for better appreciation of mutual problems. There was recently a research-industry meet organised by the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay with the Directors of National Laboratories to create an atmosphere of mutual trust. Similarly the National Laboratories of the CSIR are taking initiative in organising Get-togethers in their respective fields of operation in a bid to come more closer to the industry.

Shortage of Steel Materials in Madhya Pradesh

1443. SHRI G. C DIXIT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction works of certain factories and plants are being handicapped at present in Madhya Pradesh owing to an acute shortage of steel materials ; and

(b) if so, the names of those factories and plants and the steps taken by Government to solve the problem ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). There is a general shortage of steel due to which the construction programmes of factories and plants both in the private and in the public sectors are getting delayed. This is an all India feature and to that extent is true of Madhya Pradesh also. Several steps are being taken to meet the steel shortage, such as efforts to increase production, regulation of exports and a liberal imports policy in respect of categories in short supply.

उत्तराखण्ड में यूरेनियम के निक्षेप

1444. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या परमाणु ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तराखण्ड क्षेत्र में यूरेनियम के निक्षेप पाये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो निक्षेप किस-किस स्थानों पर पाये गये तथा इनका खुदाई कार्य कब तक आरम्भ हो जायेगा ; और

(ग) इनके परिणामस्वरूप कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार मिलने की आशा है ?

प्रधान मंत्री, परमाणु ऊर्जा मंत्री, इलेक्ट्रो-निकी मंत्री, गृह मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) से (ग). उत्तराखण्ड के चमोली जिले के पोखरी, तुजी, ओखीमठ, मडल, द्रप्रयाग और चमोली तथा जिला पिथौरागढ़ के किरौली और कल्लेटी नामक स्थानों के आसपास बहुत से स्थलों पर थोड़ी-थोड़ी मात्रा में यूरेनियम पाया गया है। इनमें से कुछ निक्षेपों की जाच विस्तृत रूप से की जा रही है किन्तु अभी तक कोई ऐसा निक्षेप नहीं मिला है जिससे यूरेनियम की बड़ी मात्रा प्राप्त हो सके। इसलिए अभी यह अनुमान नहीं लगाया जा सकता कि यहाँ कितने लोगों को रोजगार मिल सकेगा।

Recommendations of the Committee on Defections

1445. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the recommendations of the Committee on Defections ; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the decisions taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). Legislative proposals giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee on Defections had been placed before the leaders of various political parties on 10th December, 1970. Comments of the Chief Ministers of States have now been invited on these proposals. Replies from some of the Chief Ministers are awaited.