

(b) The laboratory is to be located at Jaipur. The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council have not yet finalized proposals regarding staff. The function of the Laboratory will be testing of gems by modern methods.

(c) The Laboratory will be equipped to test all kinds of gemstones.

#### **Joint ventures in African Countries**

2161. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the joint ventures of Industrial projects likely to be set up by the Indian industrialists in African countries as a result of Nairobi Conference held in November and December, 1970 by the U. N. I. D. O. the African Development Bank and the Economic Commission for Africa;

(b) the names of sponsors of such projects; and

(c) the amount of investment involved ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) A number of Indian entrepreneurs who participated in the deliberations of the Nairobi Conference have shown interest in setting up industrial joint ventures in African countries. However, no specific proposal has so far been received for setting up joint venture in African countries, as a result of this Conference.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Flood or Water-logging Problem in Barachanka, West Bengal**

2162. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Barachanka Basin of Pota-shpur Police Station of Contai Sub-division of West Bengal suffers either from flood or water-logging every year;

(b) whether crops of hundreds of acres of cultivable land are destroyed every year in consequence;

(c) whether a large amount of money is spent for gratuitous relief and building bunds around this Basin for protecting adjoining areas from spilling over of its water;

(d) whether Barachanka Basin Drainage Scheme has been prepared by the West Bengal Government at a cost of Rs. 32 lakhs and its has been approved by various Committees; and

(e) whether the Barachanka Basin Drainage Scheme will be implemented soon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (d). Taking into account the frequent drainage congestion caused by the inadequate capacity of the Baliaghye drain, and the consequent recurring damage and need for relief measures, the Government of West Bengal have formulated the Barachanka Basin Drainage Scheme, estimated to cost Rs. 32.4 lakhs. The scheme has been approved by the Planning Commission.

(e) The State Government have not been able to provide any funds for this scheme during the Fourth Plan period within the overall ceiling of flood control sector.

#### **Water-logging in Contai Sub-Division of West Bengal**

2163. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether problem of water-logging in Contai sub-Division of West Bengal, which cause damage to crop almost every year during the monsoon is proposed to be partly tackled through relief works to be soon undertaken in the flood affected areas of the sub-division;

(b) if so, whether Sub-Divisional Irrigation Officers have been directed to draw up