

Foreign Exchange earned by Indian Rare Earths during 1971-72

8165. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the items of export on which the Indian Rare Earths has earned foreign exchange during the year 1971-72 ; and

(b) whether the exported minerals are required in our country for atomic energy generation ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). During the year 1971-72, Indian Rare Earths Ltd., earned foreign exchange by exporting Ilmenite, Rare Earths compounds, Zircon, Rutile, Sillimanite and Garnet. The items are required for the atomic energy programme and are exported after meeting internal requirements.

Use of Imported Cars by Ministers

8166. SHRI S.N. MISRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) which of the Cabinet and State Ministers are using the imported cars ;

(b) the names of the cars used by each one of them ;

(c) how many Indian manufactured cars are being used by them apart from the imported cars ; and

(d) the total expenditure for the last financial year on the maintenance of the imported cars of the Ministers ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected. It will be laid on the Table of the House when available.

Development in the Field of Atomic Research

8167. SHRI S.N. MISRA : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) The development in the field of atomic research during the last year.

(b) the number of places where generation of electricity has been taken up by the use ; of atomic energy ; and

(c) the name of the places, the amount of power being generated at present and the future expectancy within the next three years ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Full details are given in the Annual Report of the Department of Atomic Energy for the year 1971-72, copies of which have been circulated to the Members of Parliament and are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) and (c). Electricity is being generated by the use of atomic energy at Tarapur Atomic Power Station which has an installed capacity of 420 MWe. In addition to the Tarapur Atomic Power Station which has been completed, the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station consisting of two units with a net capacity of 200 MWe each and the Madras Atomic Power Station consisting of two units with a net capacity of 215 MWe each, are presently under construction. The two units of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station and the first unit of the Madras Atomic Power Station are expected to attain criticality within the next three years.

TA/DA of Industrial Development Minister

8168. SHRI S.N. MISRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of T.A. and D.A. that have been claimed by him monthly in the financial year 1971-72 ; and