

ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). Government has decided to set up an atomic power station at Narora in Western Uttar Pradesh. The station will consist of two units of 235 MWe each.

A working group appointed by the Atomic Energy Commission to evaluate the concept of nuclear-powered agro-industrial complexes has submitted its report. Among the projects studied by the working group are those relating to the re-establishment of such complexes in the Gangetic plain as well as in the Kutch-Saurashtra region. Further-detailed studies on these projects are in progress.

In connection with the feasibility studies relating to Western Uttar Pradesh, it has been decided to investigate the availability and scientific exploitation of underground water from this area. This study has not yet been completed.

Machinery for Satisfactory Planning and Coordination of Plan Publicity

2290. **SHRI S. G. SAMANTA** : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the machinery evolved for satisfactory planning and coordination of Plan Publicity, and

(b) the publicity media aims of the 5th Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Plan Publicity Schemes are planned and implemented by the media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at the Centre and the Publicity Departments in the States. There are a few schemes which are part of the programmes of other developmental Ministries such as Health and Family Planning. They have the benefit of the Planning Commission's advice in the process of planning and coordinated implementation.

(b) The publicity Schemes for the Fifth Plan are being formulated by the mass communication media units of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry at the Centre and the publicity Departments in States.

Take over of whole sale trade of consumer Goods

2291. **SHRI RAM PRAKASH : SHRI N. K. SANGHI :**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to take over the wholesale trade in essential consumer goods ; and

(b) if so, the advantages from such take-over and the main features of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). Government have under consideration a scheme for maintaining price stability and ensuring availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices. This scheme includes, inter-alia, recommendations about the role of the public sector in the wholesale trade in certain essential consumer goods.

Setting up of Atomic Power Station in the Western, Northern and Southern Regions

2292. **SHRI VEKARIA : SHRI ARVIND NETAM :**

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any site has been selected by the Site Selection Committee for setting up nuclear power station in Western, Northern and Southern regions ; and

(b) if so, their locations and when the work is likely to be started ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). The Site Selection Committee has so far made recommendations only in regard to the Northern Region. The survey in regard to the Western and Southern Regions is still in progress. The Atomic Power Station in the Northern Region will be located at Narora in Western Uttar Pradesh. Preliminary work such as detailed

investigations at the site and collection of data for the design of the Power Station has been taken up.

Change in the name of Mysore to Karnataka

2293. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals have been received from Government of Mysore to change the name of State from Mysore to Karnataka ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). A proposal to this effect has been received only on the 11th August, 1972 and it is yet to be considered by the Government.

Survey of Radioactive Minerals

2294. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey of radioactive minerals was undertaken all along the coastal regions of India ;

(b) if so, the findings of this survey ; and

(c) whether there is any other source than monazite sands ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Surveys have been conducted by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy for radioactive minerals along the Indian Sea Board as a part of a continuing programme of investigations for such minerals.

(b) Deposits of monazite associated with other constituent minerals of beach sands such as ilmenite, rutile, zircon, sillimanite, kyanite, etc. have been located in noteworthy concentrations in certain parts of the coastal tract.

(c) No, Sir. Along the Indian Sea board there is no known source of radio-active minerals other than monazite sands.

Bhagavatham Committee's Report on Survey of India

2295. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bhagavatham Committee has submitted its report on Survey of India, if so, the salient features of the report ; and

(b) whether any decisions have been taken by the Government on the report ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A summary of the recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3401/72]. The Survey of India has been transferred from the Ministry of Education to the Department of Science and Technology with effect from 3.5.71 and is now functioning as a scientific adjust to that Department like the Botanical Survey of India and the Zoological Survey of India. The recommendations in regard to details of organisation are under the consideration of Government.

Books etc. produced by Publication Division

2296. SHRI J. MATHA GOWDER : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names and number of books, pamphlets and publicity literature, produced by the Publications Division of the Ministry in regional languages of the country during the past three years ; and

(b) the names and number of books, pamphlets and publicity literature produced by the Publications Division of the Ministry in English and Hindi during the past three years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3402/72]