

Isotope Division at Jaduguda (Bihar)

287. **Shri R. G. Dubey:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Isotope Division set up at Jaduguda (Bihar) in the direction of commercial exploitation; and

(b) the extent of ores reserves of Isotope in that area?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Production of different isotopes is undertaken at the Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay. As the production of radio isotopes requires an operating reactor, their production in Jaduguda is not possible. No Isotope Division will be set up there.

(b) There are no ore reserves of 'isotope' in the Jaduguda area.

Adoption of Children of Jawans killed in Action

288. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the offer of 15 Bombay citizens in the middle-income group to adopt children of Jawans killed in action recently is being considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the decision arrived at in the matter?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The Honourable Member is perhaps referring to an offer made by Shri Arun Manilal Gandhi of Bombay on behalf of a group of friends to adopt the children of Jawans killed in action with a view to give them proper education and to provide for their other needs. He has expressed preference for families close to Bombay city so that the widows can be visited and their welfare attended to and also because the children would find it easier to go home during holidays.

(b) There is already a Disabled Army Personnel, Widows and Orphans Fund and Air Force Benevolent Fund from which financial assistance is given *inter alia* for the education of children and for the relief of families of service personnel killed in action. Government policy in regard to offers of financial assistance for such purposes is to request the donors to contribute their donations to these funds for disbursement to the deserving servicemen's families in accordance with the rules with due regard to the wishes of the donors. A reply to Shri Arun Manilal Gandhi has been sent accordingly as his offer did not involve full-fledged adoption of any orphan service children by his friends as their own children.

A Scheme to permit recognised institutions to render assistance direct to the families of such Jawans through the various Regimental Centres is also under consideration.

Engineering Personnel in A.I.R.

289. **Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1074 on the 7th December, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Committee appointed to study the conditions of service of the Engineering Personnel of the A.I.R. have been accepted by Government;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the same; and

(c) the likely duration within which they will be implemented?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indra Gandhi): (a) A statement showing the recommendations of the Committee which have been accepted by the Government is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5089/65]; the other recommendations are under consideration.