

could be an adjunct to the Madras Atomic Power Station. *Inter alia* the studies will indicate how the output of fresh water from the desalination plant can be optimised at a minimum loss of electrical energy from the power station. Depending on the results of the studies, it will be possible to determine for what purposes, if any and to what extent it will be possible to use the desalinated water. The studies are still in progress.

Effects on Atmosphere due to Rocket Gases

2067. Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any change in weather atmosphere is likely to occur due to rocket gases fired in Thumba; and

(b) whether the rocket fire cause the shortfall of rain?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Scientific studies undertaken in this country as well as on an international level indicate that the discharge of gases from Rockets fired from Thumba or other rocket launching stations have no effect on climate and the incidence of rainfall.

भारत-पाकिस्तान संघर्ष में भारे गये भारतीय नौसेना के कर्मचारी

2068. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में हुए भारत-पाकिस्तान संघर्ष में भारतीय नौसेना के कितने कर्मचारी भारे गये; और

(ख) पाकिस्तान ने कितने कर्मचारियों को पकड़ लिया ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशवन्त राव चव्हाण) : (क) तथा (ख). एक भी नहीं।

नसीराबाद छावनी क्षेत्र

2069. श्री बागड़ी :

श्री राम सेवक यादव :

श्री यशपाल सिंह :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री राजस्थान भू-गृहादि (किराया नियंत्रण तथा निष्काषण) अधिनियम, 1950 को नसीराबाद छावनी क्षेत्र पर लागू करने के प्रस्ताव सम्बन्धी 29 नवम्बर, 1965 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 1505 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने इस बीच इस बारे में अन्तिम निर्णय कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इस अधिनियम के नसीराबाद छावनी क्षेत्र में कब तक लागू किये जाने की संभावना है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशवन्त राव चव्हाण) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) जहाँ तक नसीराबाद छावनी से संबंधित है दिल्ली तथा अजमेर मकान किराया अधिनियम 1952 को निरसित करने के लिए संसद् में एक विधेयक पुरःस्थापित करने का विचार है। इस विधेयक के पारित होने के साथ ही साथ उस पर राजस्थान भवन (किराये नियंत्रण तथा बेदखली) अधिनियम 1950 के उपबंध उस छावनी पर लागू कर दिए जाएंगे।

Atomic Research Station at Ootacamund

2070. Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any proposal to set up

an Atomic Research Station at Wenrock Downs, Ootacamund;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the total estimated expenditure involved?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) It is proposed to establish an Inter University Centre and a Radio Telescope near Ootacamund. The site selected is Fairlawn and nearby areas.

(b) and (c). The Radio Telescope is estimated to cost about Rs. 50 lakhs, including civil works, and is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1967. The details of the Inter University Centre have not yet been finalised.

Suspension of Underground Nuclear Tests

**2071. Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States has turned down a thirty-nation bid for the suspension of underground nuclear tests on the 25th November, 1965; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) The United States voted for the draft resolution co-sponsored by thirty States on the urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly at its XX session but regretted its inability to halt underground nuclear weapons tests until agreement is reached on a verified comprehensive test ban.

(b) The Government of India are opposed to all nuclear weapons tests and have consistently urged the early conclusion of a comprehensive test ban

treaty pending which all tests should be halted on a unilateral basis. The Government of India will persist with their efforts to bring about early agreement on this question.

Uranium Deposits in Kulu Valley

2072. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final survey has been made of the uranium deposits in the Kulu Valley; and

(b) if so, its extent, quantity and names of places where located?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Detailed investigations are still in progress in Chhinjra, Dharmaor, Takrer and Dhara areas in Kulu Valley (Punjab). In the course of further reconnaissance survey of adjacent areas for locating extension of uranium ore bodies, radioactivity has been detected in Pathala and Rupadogri areas, which will also now be taken up for detailed investigation. It will take some more time to complete investigations and finally assess the economic potentiality of these areas for further exploitation.

Defence Officers sent Abroad

**2073. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Officers from the Defence Services sent abroad during the last three months; and

(b) the names of the countries to which they were sent?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) 68 (This does not include the number of officers sent abroad for training).

(b) AUSTRALIA
BULGARIA