

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