

gramme of the Border Roads Development Board is outside the Plan.

(b) to (d). The question do not arise.

Uranium Deposits in Salem District of Tamil Nadu

9604. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that report regarding Uranium deposits in Salem District Tamil Nadu has been received ;

(b) if so, the nature thereof ;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to exploit these resources ; and

(d) the foreign exchange saving per annum as a result of its full exploitation ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). Surveys by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy in the Salem District revealed some uranium occurrences, but these occurrences were found to be small, low-grade and uneconomic for exploitation.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Filling up Posts of Assistant Personnel Officers in Atomic Energy Department

9605. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints on the irregular filling up of posts of Assistant Personnel Officers in the Department of Atomic Energy ;

(b) if so, the details of those complaints; and

(c) the action taken by Government to remove the irregularity in this respect ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Indo-U.S. Relations

9606. SHRI D.C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any change in the Indo-U.S. relations with the change of Presidency in U.S.A. ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). There has been no change in the friendly relations existing between India and U.S.A. with the change of Presidency in U.S.A. It is our hope that the relations between our two countries will be further improved in the years to come.

News About I.G.S., Anand Parbat, New Delhi

9607. SHRI S.M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item regarding I.G.S. Anand Parbat, New Delhi under the caption 'Ministry of Defence Exposed of Corrupt Practices Hauled' in the Indian Political Suspense New Delhi of the 21st March, 1969;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government on the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The news-item refers to a representation signed by 171 employees of the Inspectorate of General Stores, North India, New Delhi alleging certain malpractices in that Establishment with regard to acceptance of sub-standard stores,