

certain investigations on 'Akashbel' or 'Amarvel' (*Cascuta reflexa Roxb*). No anti-cancer activity could be found. Further investigation was dropped.

The Cancer Research Institute, Tata Memorial Centre, Bombay also tested the extracts of this plant against the transplantable tumours L1210 and P 388 and found that it was inactive against both the tumour systems.

(b) Government of India have no information,

(c) Does not arise.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN THE RURAL AREAS OF MYSORE STATE

4894. SHRIMATI SUDHA V. REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the Mysore State during the first year of the Fourth Plan period for providing Central assistance for supply of drinking water in the rural areas of the State; and

(b) the amount utilised by state Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Central assistance to the State is given in the form of block loans and block grants and it is for the State Governments to allocate funds for the various Plan Schemes. However, an outlay of Rs. 57.00 lakhs has been earmarked for Mysore State during the first year of the Fourth plan for Rural Water Supply Schemes.

(b) This will be known only after 31-3-1970 when the current financial year (i.e. the first year of the Fourth Plan) is over.

DRIVE FOR MOBILISING SAVINGS THROUGH NATIONAL SAVINGS ORGANISATION

4895. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether after the nationalisation of the major banks, the drive for mobilising the savings through National Savings Organisation has got a set back;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to rectify it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : (a) The figures of net collections of Small Savings subsequent to the nationalisation of banks indicate that there has been no set back.

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

LOCATION OF IRON ORE DEPOSITS IN SUNDERGARH DISTRICT (ORISSA STATE)

4896. SHRI N.K. SOMANI :

SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sizeable deposit of high grade iron ore has been found in Sundergarh district of Orissa State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANATH RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserves of the order of 600 million tonnes of iron ore with average 58% FE and above have been proved in thirteen deposits in the area by the Geological Survey of India. Of these about 164 million tonnes of processed lumpy ore with 63% FE is likely to be recoverable from the hard ore zones of the deposits.

NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN CAPITAL

4897. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to nationalize the foreign capital invested in India;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?