

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

(English)

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Extraction of Gold From Cyanide Wastes

*691. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a good percentage of gold can be extracted from cyanide wastes dumped around the mines.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to find out the feasibility of extracting gold from such wastes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Bharat Gold Mines Limited has been able to recover only 92 Kgs. of gold by treating 2,62,425 tonnes of tailings during the year 1987-88 to 1990-91. This works out to an extraction of 0.0000351 % of gold from the treated tailings.

(c) Bharat Gold Mines Limited is already extracting gold from tailings (referred as cyanide waste) by heap leaching process on semi commercial basis.

(d) The heap leaching plant for extraction of gold from tailings was started by Bharat Gold Mines Limited in 1986. The production of gold year-wise is given below :

(in kgs.)

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1	2	3	4
10	17	25	40

49 Agriculture
Support Price for Agricultural Commodities

*696. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Agricultural Universities with regard to the cost prices of the agricultural commodities are kept in view while fixing the support prices of these commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to consider the recommendations of the Agricultural Universities in future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). The Agricultural Universities and Agro-Economic Research Centres collect data on cost of cultivation/production of crops under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices considers, *inter-alia*, the updated cost of production data while recommending support prices for the season concerned.

50 Visit of Foreign Secretary of Pakistan

*698. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BANDHARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FOREIGN SECRETARY of PAKISTAN visited India recently;

(b) if so, the objectives of this visit; and

(c) the outcome of his talks with the Indian leaders on various bilateral issues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). He conveyed the message from the Prime Minister of Pakistan Minister that the Government of Pakistan was sincerely interested in resolving all bilateral problems through serious and constructive dialogue for normalising relations between the two countries. This was reiterated in his meetings with the EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister and the Defence Minister. The Special Envoy was informed that the Government of India had consistently worked for the establishment of tension-free and good-neighbourly relations between India and Pakistan on the basis of the Simla Agreement. We believe this to be in the interest of the peoples of our two countries and of peace and stability in the region.

[*Translation*]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges In All Districts and Tehsil Headquarters of U.P.

*700. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to set up electronic exchanges in all the Districts and Tehsil Headquarters of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the Districts and Tehsil headquarters in Uttar Pradesh where such exchanges are likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a). Electronic exchanges are planned to be provided in replacement of life expired electro-mechanical exchanges. These exchanges are also planned where manual exchanges are working. In addition where demand justifies a new exchange, by and large it is proposed to be electronic type.

(b). The list of Districts and Tehsils in Uttar Pradesh where such exchanges are planned to be provided during 1991-92 are as per Annex.

STATEMENT

It is planned to set up electronic exchanges in following Districts and Tehsils headquarter of Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92.

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Name of Tehsil HQ/District HQ where electronic exchange is planned</i>
1.	Agra	1. Kiroli 2. Kheragarh 3. Etmadpur 4. Bah 5. Fatehabad 6. Agra (expansion) (District HQ)
2.	Allahabad	1. Sirathu