

which takes a holistic view of the development process, on a humanistic and integrated basis, among different needs, among different people and regions and between people and their natural environment. Planning Commission envisages to interact with groups of economists and social scientists, voluntary agencies and cooperatives, trade and industry and such other groups in order to elicit views about Plans and its priorities and evolve wide national participation in the process of planning.

Deposits of Thorium

6884. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's assessment of India's known thorium deposits and the areas in which they are found:

(b) whether there is any adverse effect of these deposits on the population in these areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy have estimated 4.49 million tonnes of monazite reserves in different parts of the country. These reserves have been identified in beach placers along the coastal tracts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh in the inland placers of Ranchi

District of Bihar and Purulia District of West Bengal as well as in off-shore and lake beds of Kerala. The placers sands in Kerala Orissa and Andhra Pradesh occupy the beach portions of the coast, whereas in Tamil Nadu they occur both along the beach as well as in the tehris (inland placers) in the Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli Districts.

(b) The radioactive dose from these deposits is well within tolerance limits and permissible radiation doses; hence no adverse effects are expected.

(c) Does not arise.

1990-91 Annual Plan of Tripura

6885. SHRI K.B.K. DEBBURMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sector-wise details of the Annual Plan for the State of Tripura as proposed by Tripura Government for 1990-91; and

(b) the sector-wise outlay for Tripura 1990-91 approved by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b). The sector-wise details of the Annual Plan for 1990-91 proposed by the Government of Tripura and the agreed outlay for the Annual Plan of the state are given in the Statement below.