

13. Films which have celebrated Silver Jubilee (having run continuously for 25 weeks) and carry a 'U' Certificate.

Modernisation of Central Public Undertakings in Orissa

496. SHRI MANGARAJ MALLIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the modernisation of the Central Public Sector undertakings/setting up of new undertakings in Orissa is pending before the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to clear them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) No proposal for the modernisation of the Central Public Sector Undertakings/setting up of new undertakings with registered offices in the state of Orissa is pending before the Union Govt.

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

Uranium Reserves in A. P. and Meghalaya

497. SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reserves of Uranium had been located this year in Andhra Pradesh and Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the estimated Uranium reserves in both these States; and

(c) the country's annual Uranium production during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An economically viable sandstone type uranium deposit has been identified in Killung block of Meghalaya having 4800 TE of uranium oxide with an average grade of 0.1% U308. In the Cuddapah basin in Andhra Pradesh exploration drilling carried out so far has resulted in identification of 3554 TE of U308 in inferred and indicated category.

(c) The County's annual uranium production during the last three years is around two hundred metric ton a year satisfying the requirements.

Irradiation of Onions at BARC

498. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether BARC have achieved remarkable success with irradiation of onions both at commercial and pre-commercial levels to prevent sprouting;

(b) if so, total quantity actually irradiated during last three years, year-wise indicating the corresponding annual production;

(c) the annual capacity of irradiation commercial and pre-commercial, developed so far for onion and any other products;

(d) whether Government have developed expertise and facilities for irradiation of some 40 food items which have been approved by some 32 countries;

(e) whether Government are aware of the reasons due to which various countries have not so far adopted food irradiation; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in light of these decisions?