

Besides minor deposits of dispoire in Tikamgarh and sporadic mineralisation of pyrite from Chhattarpur have also been located.

Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation is already exploiting the Phosphorite and Pyrophyllite deposits. Mining of diamonds is being done by National Mineral Development Corporation Limited. Clay and Ochre are also being exploited. The extraction of other minerals on a commercial scale will depend on their techno-economic viability.

(c) Geological mapping, survey and other related activities are a continuous process and therefore no date for completing the work can be set. During the current field season (1985-86), besides systematic Geological Mapping in Chhattarpur, Sagar and Panna districts, GSI is also engaged in investigation for base-metals in Damoh and Chhattarpur and for Potash in Panna and Satna districts.

[English]

Decline in Exports of Glycerine, Soaps, Detergents and Cosmetics

*794. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the exports of goods like glycerine, soaps detergents and cosmetics have declined substantially; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this decline and the steps proposed by Government to increase the export of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main reason for the decline is the lower off.take in the major markets.

Steps taken to increase the exports are diversifying into other markets such as West Europe, Middle East, Far East

and Africa, sending out Study-cum-Sales Teams, participating in international fairs etc.

Foreign Exchange Crisis

*799. SHRI P. APPALANARASIMHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are anticipating foreign exchange crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to meet the impending crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c), Does not arise.

Production and Cultivation of Opium

*802. SHRI AMARSIGH RATHAWA :
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which are producing opium in the country;

(b) whether there is a great demand for opium within country and also for export purposes;

(c) the steps being taken to cultivate more opium in the country;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in this respect to find suitable land to cultivate poppy; and

(e) if so, the details of the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI