

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether specification approved by the Federation of International Film Archives in regard to preservation of films are being followed by the National Film Archives of India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that hundreds of films procured by the National Film Archives of India, Pune have been lying in an open shed;

(c) if so, the reasons for violation of approved specifications; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for proper preservation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) There are no specifications approved by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) but certain fundamental principles have been laid down by FIAF Committee on film preservation. However, FIAF have left it to the countries concerned to devise their own preservation methods depending on their resources and archival importance of the films. These principles are being followed by the National Film Archive of India to the extent possible.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Deposits of uranium in gold mine area of Kolar

*428. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a possibility of finding huge deposits of uranium in the gold mine area of Kolar near Bangalore;

(b) whether Indian and Soviet Scientists have jointly conducted a survey in this regard;

(c) if so, whether lead particles have been found during the survey which are

extraordinarily rich with uranium; and

(d) the quantum of uranium which will be available as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a), (c) and (d) It was reported in a section of the Press in November, 1985 that studies by an Indo-Soviet team indicated the presence of an enriched uranium source in the vicinity of the Champion Reef Mine at the Kolar Gold Fields. The authenticity of this claim has been checked with the Department of Atomic Energy (Atomic Minerals Division) who have stated as follows :

“The Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has in the past analysed samples of KGF from time to time but no radioactivity has been detected so far. Scientists were deputed to check the various sections of drives and cross cuts of KGF mines for uranium. In March, 1984, scientists were deputed to check scheelite tailings in the recovery plant of KGF and also part of the mine. Sample drawn from these areas have been analysed and shown less than 10 PPM (parts per million) of uranium and some samples indicated even less than 1 PPM. It is, therefore, concluded that there is no economic concentration of uranium so far detected in KGF Mines.”

(b) No, Sir. No such survey was conducted under the auspices of Department of Mines.

Allotment of land by D.D.A. to Indian Railway construction company

3883. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority has not yet allotted land to Indian Railway Construction Company for the construction of MIG flats;