

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) :** (a) and (b) There is no proposal for any such survey at present. The administration of Criminal Laws is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the incidents of atrocities on women have engaged the attention of the Government for finding out stringent remedial measures. In this connection, the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended to make the provisions more stringent and effective. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 have been amended by the Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 1983 to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty to married women.

[*Translation*]

**Development of Sites/Dams in Maharashtra to Attract Tourists**

\*633. **SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to develop Nagjhari and Nayegaon dams (in district Bhandara) and Tadova Park in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra. Keeping in view the priorities given to tourism in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUF-TI MOHD. SYED):** (a) No such proposals have been received from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Mica Industry**

\*634. **SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned

“Mica industry ‘Sinking’” appearing in the *Hindustan Times* (Patna edition) dated 15 March, 1987 :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the remedial steps being taken ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The news item refers mainly to the slumps in the mica industry and consequent closure of Mines resulting in unemployment amongst workers of this Industry.

With the technological changes in the electrical and electronics field, demand for sheet mica in international markets has declined. Also, production has come down due to exhaustion of mica mines, consequently, number of reporting mines has declined as follows :

Year	No. of Mica mines reporting production in India
1961	718
1971	539
1981	289
1986	148

Government has taken steps to increase exports of mica by improving profitability exports of processed mica through abolishing of export duty (except on mica scrap), allowing 100 % Export Oriented Unit benefits to fabricated mica/manufactured mica units and promoting value-added mica product units. Efforts are being made by Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) to identify new mica bearing pegmatites. So far these have meet with little success.

**News-Item Captioned “Tourism Swindler’s Game Ends”**

6272. **SHRI SOMNATH RATH :** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :