

(a) whether an Indian scientist had submitted a suggestion to set up an International Institute for Space Sciences and Electronics to develop technical cooperation among developing countries;

(b) whether the proposal had received appreciation from the UNESCO and warm praise by International circles; and

(c) the measures proposed to encourage the idea of the Indian scientists for International Institute for Space Sciences and Electronics ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Institution is conceived as a coordinating mechanism for the activities related to the proposed Giant Equatorial Radio Telescope.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have supported the participation of Indian scientists in the International Workshop and subsequently in the preparation of detailed proposals for the consideration of U.N. Agencies. Indian scientists are also participating in the Feasibility study which is financially supported by Government.

Explosions During Non-Aligned Meet In Delhi

*534. SHRI K. MALLANNA :
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SAHRMA :

Will the Minister of HOME Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether explosions took place during the Non-Aligned Summit in the Capital at Palika Bazar, Kashmiri Gate as well as Gole Post Office, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any person has since been apprehended in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No person has been apprehended so far.

Soviet Assistance For Development of Mines

5839. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has agreed to help both financially and technically for the development of mines in India;

(b) if so, on what terms; and

(c) the details of the help rendered by the Soviet Union under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Loss in Tannery and Foot Wear Corporation

5840. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) when the Tannery and Foot-wear Corporation of India Limited was formed and the names of the units working under it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is running in losses;

(c) if so, the amount of losses incurred by the said corporation during the years 1979-80 1980-81, 1981-82 and likely to be incurred during the current year;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken or being taken to solve the problem and improve the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH) : (a) to (e) The Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Limited was formed in 1969 to take over and run the Cooper Allen and North West Tanneries of the British India Corporation Limited.