

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) The Radiological Protection Division of BARC has prescribed guidelines regarding the use of radioactive wastes and also conducts periodic surveys to ensure adherence to the guidelines. The Department of Biochemistry of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is following these guidelines. The BARC, after their survey in October 1985, had suggested additional guidelines for use of polyethylene sheets to cover work benches, polyethylene lining to disposal units etc. The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, is following all the guidelines. The BARC in their survey of June, 1986 has given satisfactory report.

Loss suffered by NCCF

2203. SHRI BHAGATRAM MAN, HAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the net loss of National Consumers Cooperative Federation (NCCF) as on date is over Rs. 10.00 crores besides an equal amount of Rs. 10.00 crores being separately shown as "Outstanding" against Various State level Consumers' Federation;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to improve the working of the organisation; and

(c) what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against those responsible for this sad state of affairs in the NCCF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The NCCF has incurred losses of Rs. 1.20 crores and Rs. 2.54 crores during the cooperative years 1983-84 and

1984-85, respectively, and the accumulated loss as on 30-6-86 amounted to Rs. 3.74 crores. The accounts for the Cooperative Year 1985-86 are yet to be finalised.

(b) Government of India have from time to time reviewed the working of NCCF and impressed upon its management to expand and diversify its business activities, reduce the disproportionately high expenditure, improve the financial liquidity by speedy recovery of outstanding dues, expeditious disposal of the cases of irregularities against its employees etc. In view of unsatisfactory performance and bad financial health of the Organisation, the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued a show-cause notice on the NCCF for supersession of its Board.

(c) Ten officers, against whom *prima facie* cases of corruption and irregularities were found, have been placed under suspension by the NCCF pending further investigation.

Anti-Christian propaganda in North-Eastern Region

2204. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain parochial forces, through various social organisations, are arousing anti-Christian sentiments in the North-Eastern region and between the Brahmaputra valley and the Chindwin river of Burma;

(b) if so, which are these forces/organisations; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to curb the activities of such anti-national forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no specific information that certain parochial forces, through various social organisations, are arousing anti-Christian sentiments in the North-

Eastern region and between the Brahmaputra valley and the Chindwin river of Burma.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

Request for setting up of separate agency for manganese nodules

2205. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Director of Regional Laboratory, Bhubaneswar for setting up a separate agency for mining polymetallic manganese nodules in the Indian Ocean, as reported in the Times of India of 19th July, 1986;

(b) if so, what has been the response of Government thereto; and

(c) whether similar proposals for ocean mining have been received from Gujarat and or any other States also-, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. No proposal has been received for ocean mining from any State.

Establishment of a township for scientists and research scholars

2206. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish a township with all modern amenities and infrastructure like those in technologically advanced countries, to facilitate Indian scientists and research scholars working at home and abroad if so, what are the details thereof.

including selection of location for such township;

(b) whether Gujarat or any other State Government has offered land and other facilities for establishment of such a township if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have also received any such proposal from the private sector to establish such a facility from the funds allotted by them for research and development; if so, what has been the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): "(a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration for the establishment of such a township. However, Department of Electronics have approved setting up of three technology parks by NRIs for hundred percent export of software. These are:—

(1) Indo American Capital and Technology Cooperation (ICAT) USA at Pune, Maharashtra.

(2) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu, and

(3) Indus Technology incorporated USA at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Government have not received any such proposal.

Capabilities of Indian Satellites to identify underground water currents

2207. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the satellites launched by India are capable of carrying out detailed geological surveys and to precisely identify the locations of underground water currents; if so, what are the details thereof.