

(d) Exploration work has not yet been completed. However the Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation have applied for grant of mining lease.

Shifting of Industries

2548. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 346 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1983 and State:

(a) what is the number of industrial plots allotted for shifting of industries from the colonies of Inder Lok, Anand Nagar, and Tulsi Nagar on the old Rohtak Road in Karol Bagh Zone, Delhi to the industrial areas; and

(b) what precise steps have been taken to shift the obnoxious and hazardous industries of the colonies to the plots of industrial areas expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SC/ST Candidates who Passed Clerks Grade Examination in 1982

2549. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letters from Members of Parliament during the current year regarding the cases of SC/ST candidates who passed the Clerks Grade Examination in 1982 but have not been absorbed in any Government offices so far;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far thereon what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH):
(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. One such letter was received and on enquiry it was found that an offer of appointment could not be made because of the low position secured by the candidate.

Second Antarctica Expedition

2550. SHRI DHANESHWAR
MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report appearing in a recent issue of English Weekly (SUN) wherein it has been stated that the Second Antarctica Expedition launched in December, 1982 was unsuccessful;

(b) whether it is a fact that expedition failed to achieve its main aim of aircraft landing on the Antarctica;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the indigenous communication system and the prefabricated huts costing Rs. 4 lakhs were a failure;

(d) what was the total expenditure incurred on the expedition; and

(e) whether this unsuccessful expedition will delay our plans of setting up a permanent research station on Antarctica by 1985; and if so, what steps Government propose to take so that the causes which led to the failure of this expedition are not repeated in the third expedition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC
ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS
AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI
SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not correct to say that the expedition failed to achieve its objectives. One of the objectives was to survey and identify a suitable air