

Tile mineralisation has been intermittently traced over 2.5 kilometres strike length. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited plans to do 1500 metres of drilling and associated geological work at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.5 lakhs. The drilling work in Gorubathan started in October, 1981. and till 15th February, 1982. 136 metres of drilling was achieved.

(b) Does not arise.

Small Industries Service Institute

1533. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:
SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Stated Question 48 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th February, 1981 and state:

(a) whether the branch of Small Industries Service Institute, at Sih-gari, has so far provided any technical or commercial consultancy for the industrial development in the five districts of North Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the types of industrial establishments that have developed due to such technical/commercial consultancies and intelligence provided by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Branch Small Industries Service Institute, Siliguri, along with the Small Industries Service Institute, Calcutta renders various types of techno-economic services for the promotion of small scale industries in the five districts of North Bengal. The Branch Institute, Siliguri also has common service workshop facilities in the trades of Carpentry, Pattern Making, Blacksmithy and Electroplating.

The number of units to whom consultancy services have been provided by the Branch Institute, Siliguri

during, the years 1979-80 to 1981-82 are as under:—

1979-80	..	197
1980-81	..	203
1981-82	195

(upto Feb., 1982)

(c) The types of small industries: being set up in the area generally are wood-based, fruit & vegetable preservation, hosiery, automobile servicing, leather goods, stone crushing, umbrella assembly etc.

, Development of sola* cell with foreign collaboration

1534. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN
REDDY: SHRI SHRIDHAR
WASUDEO DHABE;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Electronics Ltd. is developing solar cells while the basic material silicon will be made by Syltronics, a foreign collaboration company;

(b) when was Syltronics issued the necessary licence and with what foreign participation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of national laboratories had, years back, claimed having successfully produced silicon;

(d) if so, which were the laboratories and in which respective year each had achieved the success;

(e) whether silicon is being produced in the country using those methods; if so, where and how much; and

(f) the reason for sanctioning foreign collaboration for producing it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.