

Imposing of Levy on Iron Ore

362. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state whether Government are contemplating to impose a levy of one per cent on the iron-ore of the industries in order to create a fund for R&D.

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL): The suggestion to levy a cess as a means for promoting R and D in industries is under consideration of the Government.

Non-Aligned Countries Importing Indian Technology

363. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the names of non-aligned countries which are importing Indian Technology?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL): India has joint ventures/technical collaboration with the following countries:

Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Abu Dhabi, Cyprus, Dubai, Iraq, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Zambia, Argentina and Tanzania.

Selection of Subjects for Documentaries

364. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal under consideration to bring about basic changes in the policy of Films Division in the matter of selection of subjects for documentaries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR S7NHA): No. Sir.

Reorientation in the training and curriculum of All India Services

365. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

whether Government propose to bring about reorientation in training and curriculum of the All India Services with a view to educating the new entrants about socio-economic goals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (SHRI OM MEHTA): Yes, Sir. Some steps have already been taken to give the desired reorientation to the training programme which is under continuous examination for making necessary changes and adjustments. The socio-economic goals and programmes are studied and discussed by the probationers under the guidance of specialists and experts during post-entry four-month foundational training at the National Academy of Administration. Field visits are also arranged for them to give them first hand knowledge of the various problems.

Setting up of a Synthetic Rutile Plant and a Zirconium Plant along Gopalpur-Chatrapur Coast

366. SHRI BHATRAB CHANDRA MAHANTI: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state the progress so far made in setting up a synthetic rutile plant and a zirconium chemicals plant along the Gopalpur-Chatrapur Coast?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Indian Rare Earths Limited has already acquired the land required for an integrated industrial complex, which includes a Synthetic Rutile Plant and a Zirconium Chemicals Plant. Action for the establishment of the infrastructure facilities is in progress. Necessary approval for foreign collaboration for their proposed Synthetic Rutile Plant has also been obtained by the Company.

Rural Electrification Schemes

367. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have urged the State Governments to review the working of the rural electrification schemes sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;