

it could assist in inducing our scientists working abroad to return to India if suitable assignments were available."

Further action in the matter is being processed by the Union Public Service Commission.

Seizure of Pen-shaped pistols in Delhi

1017. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI

CHUNDAWAT:

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the crime Branch of Delhi Police has recently seized pen-shaped pistols in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 17-11-1974 evening, in the course of working out a secret information, a special team of Delhi Police challenged a person who was moving about in Jama Masjid area with a brief-case in his hand. A search of the brief-case resulted in the recovery and seizure of two pen-type complete pistols, 13 similar incomplete pistols with accessories such as barrels, clips, striking pins, knobs, springs, etc. and 34 live cartridges of .22 calibre. The man was arrested and investigation of a criminal case against him under the Arms Act was taken up. During further investigation, searches were carried out on 19-11-1974 at Buland Shahr in Uttar Pradesh from where two persons were arrested and the following articles were recovered :—

1 pen-type pistol, five other pistols, 80 cartridges of .22 calibre, 14 cartridges of higher caliber, and some other accessories of fire arms.

In this connection, another criminal case under the Arms Act was registered in Buland Shahr and has been under investigation by UP police.

Both the cases referred to above are still under investigation.

Thorium Deposits in Orissa

1018. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI

CHUNDAWAT :

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new deposits of thorium have been found in Orissa recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Investigations being carried out by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy have established the occurrence of the extensive mineral deposits, including thorium bearing monazite, along the Orissa coast. The deposits occur south of the Mahanadi Delta in a stretch of about 150 kilometres: the deposits in the southern half of the stretch are of better grade.

Complaints against telephone Exchange in Tamil Nadu

1019. SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints against the telephone exchange of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in the matter.