

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.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. S. D. SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Complaints due to faults on local telephone equipment and lines, delay in maturing of some trunk calls due to various reasons and some complaints regarding excessive telephone bills, which are not abnormal have only been received. Working of some exchanges have been sometimes affected due to prolonged power shedding. These complaints are being attended to at appropriate levels in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle.

#### World Paper Bank

1020. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has sponsored a resolution for world paper bank at a recent UNESCO conference held at Paris ;

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

(c) what is the reaction of other countries thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The resolution sponsored by India was passed in the conference.

(b) The proposed world paper bank would hold and identify paper stocks to meet the educational, cultural and communication needs of all countries, particularly of developing nations. The details are yet to be worked out.

(c) Most of the countries represented at the Conference supported the resolution.

#### Spy Satellites

1021. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA :

SHRI N. G. GORAY :

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of 11th November, 1974 in which it is stated that spy satellites were seen watching the Pokharan site of May 18, 1974 nuclear experiment for several days; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) During a lecture arranged by the Physics Department of Delhi University on 8th November, 1974, Dr. R. Ramanna, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, mentioned in passing that every night one could see satellites passing and even at Pokharan the team working for the peaceful nuclear experiment used to see these at night. These satellites could have taken photographs, but we are not aware whether they did so or not.

#### राजस्थान को सीमेंट की सप्लाई

1022. श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चुंडावत : क्या उद्योग और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में निर्मित सीमेंट अधिकांश रूप से अन्य राज्यों को सप्लाई किया जाता है और इस प्रकार राजस्थान को अपने ही उत्पाद से वंचित रखा जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

#### †[Cement supply to Rajasthan

1022. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cement manufactured in Rajasthan is mostly supplied to other States; and thereby depriving Rajasthan of its own product; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

†[ ] English translation.