

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed fair; and

(c) whether any foreign country has agreed to send its trade team for participation in exhibition, if so the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fair is primarily an export oriented Engineering Trade Fair being organised by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry with the approval of the Ministry of Commerce. It aims at promoting export of engineering products and technical services, present the capabilities of, and sophistication in, the industry, provide opportunities for developing industrial collaboration and promote ancillary build-up and sub-contracting at national and international levels. A series of meetings between the domestic and overseas buyers will also be arranged to generate specific e.x-port business.

(c) The fair has been publicised abroad and a large number of overseas buyers (not participants) have been informed. It is as yet early to indicate the names of countries from which buyas/delegations are likely to visit the Fair.

Central Assistance to states hit by drought floods

1583. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have lately decided that the Central assistance to the States hit by drought or floods will be made available only as advance against their respective plan allocations and

adjusted within their plan outlays; if so, the circumstances leading to this decisions;

(b) the States which are primarily hit by drought/flood and which have represented against this decision; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. S. BRAMANIAM : fa) Yes, Sir. This decision is based on the recommendations of the Sixth Finance Commission.

(b) and (c) The States affected by the drought/floods in the current year are; Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan. Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The States are aware of the fact that the present policy of the Centre in regard to the financing of relief expenditures flows from the recommendations of the Sixth Finance Commission.

यूरेनियम की तस्करी

1584. श्री राजनारायण : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1973-74 के दौरान अब तक कितने मूल्य का यूरेनियम तस्करी में पकड़ा गया ;

(ख) इस प्रकार के तस्करी के विरुद्ध क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की भावी योजना क्या है ?

t (Smuggling of Uranium)

1584. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of smuggled Uranium seized so far during 1973-74;

(b) the steps taken against such smugglers; and

(c) the future plan of Government in this regard?

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