

(b) As full details of the scheme had not been furnished, the State Government have been requested to submit further particulars. These are awaited.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CABLE FACTORY IN PUBLIC SECTOR

•84. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of Hindustan Cables Ltd., has made a technical study and recommended Ujjain as suitable site for the establishment of a second Cable Factory in the public sector; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CLOSURE OF MATCH FACTORIES

132. SHRI T. V. ANANDAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the HINDU, Madras, dated Friday, December 31, 1965, on page 1 to the effect that 600 match factories may close down in Madras State due to non-availability of potassium Chlorate and Red phosphorous the two important chemicals needed for production of matches; and

(b) if so, what action Government have so far taken including grant of licence for import of Red Phosphorous to help the industry to tide over the crisis?

†Postponed from the 17th February, 1966

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following arrangements have been made to help the industry:

(i) Arrangements to distribute 130 metric tons of Potassium Chlorate per month during three months viz., February, March and April 1966 have been finalised.

(ii) Arrangements to import 300 tons of chlorate of Potash from Rupee Area countries by the State Trading Corporation have been made.

(iii) Import licences for the import of Red Phosphorous for a total value of Rs. 167,612 have been issued to the match units in South India.

INVESTIGATIONS IN PALANI HILLS OF MADRAS

133. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India carried out investigation in Palani Hills of the Madras State during 1964-65;

(b) if so, the results of the investigation; and

(c) whether the report of the Survey will be placed on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. JJEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Aluminous laterite and bauxite deposits have been located in Berijam-Fort Hamilton, Konalar, Navadipal-lam, Pillisullinettu, Kandakadamalai areas and in areas to the South and East of mile stone 18 and around milestone 16—1 along Kodaikkanala-Munnar Road. The alumina content of these deposits varies from 31.84 to 56-64 per cent. The thickness of