

और हिन्दी दोनों में एक साथ ही सदस्यों को मिल जाते हैं और ठीक समय पर मिलते हैं।

*156. [The questioner (Shri B. N. Bhargava) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 889-890 infra.]

*157. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 891-892 infra.]

FINDINGS OF URANIUM IN LADAKH

*158. SHRI J. C. CHATTERJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for nearly three years the scientists of the Atomic Energy Commission worked in Ladakh area to find out uranium, but failed to find any trace of it; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount spent on this three-year project?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) As a part of the wider programme of survey and prospecting for atomic minerals throughout the country, a small Field Party of the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy carried out reconnaissance surveys for uranium in the Ladakh area for very short periods in September, 1958 and August-September, 1959. No significant radio-activity, indicating the presence of uranium, was observed as a result of the above surveys.

(b) The reconnaissance was a part of the regular programme of survey and prospecting work carried out year after year and was not a separate project. The expenditure thereon was not booked separately, and was not significant.

SHRI J. C. CHATTERJI: May I know whether the Government of India is aware of the fact that up to the occupation of that area by the Chinese—Ladakh area—they had found out uranium there?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Government have no such information.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: In order to stabilise the economy in Ladakh, is the Government proposing to make a detailed geological survey of that area?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: There are schemes of geological survey in that area and also in other parts of the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Some work had already taken place in that connection. Although that is not related to the Atomic Energy Commission but because of my former association with the Ministry of Steel and Mines, I know that geological survey had been undertaken.

*159. [Postponed to the 1st December, 1964]

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND BROADCASTING

*160 { SHRI BIREN ROY†:
SHRI SANKAR PRATAP
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SHRI P. ABRAHAM:
SHRI U. S. DUGAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the scheme submitted by the Rediffusion Ltd., and Pye Radio to the Government of India for introducing commercial television in India; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce commercial broadcasting over All India Radio and if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): (a) The whole question of the extension of the television service in India is still under consideration. It would not be advisable to disclose the details of the

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Biren Roy.