

(b) if so, when and what are the details of the project, its capacity, and the estimated cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) This is under consideration.

(b) The capacity of the proposed plant will be to process about 500 tons of uranium ore per day with provision for expansion to process about 1000 tons of ore per day. The plant is estimated to cost about Rs. 2 crores and will take about 3 years to be completed. The details of the project are under investigation.

### शून्य ऊर्जा रिएक्टर

\*५१३. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री परमाणु शक्ति विभाग के १९५७-५८ के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन के पृष्ठ ३ को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) शून्य ऊर्जा रिएक्टर पर अब तक कितना कार्य हो चुका है ; और

(ख) क्या इसके आवश्यक संघटकों की रचना के लिये अपेक्षित सभी सामग्री उपलब्ध हो चुकी है ?

### †[ZERO ENERGY REACTOR

\*513. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to page 3 of the annual report of the Department of Atomic Energy for the year 1957-58, and state:

(a) the progress of work so far made on the Zero Energy Reactor; and

(b) whether all the materials required for the fabrication of its necessary components have been received?]

वैदेशिक कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन) : (क) रिएक्टर के अंगों की रचना का ज्यादातर काम पूरा हो गया है और जिस

इमारत में रिएक्टर रखा जाएगा, उसे बनाने का काम (सिविल वर्क) अभी-अभी शुरू हुआ है। मई १९५९ से रिएक्टर के लगाने का काम शुरू होना है और १९५९ के मध्य से रिएक्टर काम करने लगेगा।

(ख) जी हाँ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Most of the fabrication of the reactor components is complete and civil works on the building to house the reactor has just commenced. Erection of the reactor is scheduled to commence by May 1959 and the reactor to go into operation about the middle of 1959.

(b) Yes.]

### ISSUE OF GREETING CARDS BY MINISTRIES

\*514. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain Ministries, every year, issue Greeting Cards? If so,—

(a) what are the names of the Ministries which issue such cards;

(b) what is the amount of annual expenditure involved in—

(i) printing, etc., of the cards;

(ii) their issue; and

(c) the designations of the officers who are entitled to issue such Greeting Cards?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the various Ministries and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.