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I wish to commend and congratulate Y. N. Rama Rao for his excellent, laudable and invaluable contribution, especially very useful to academicians, students and researchers on his article on "Conceptual approaches and changing philosophies in uranium exploration through time in India" in the Journal of the Geological Society of India (v.82, 2013, pp.192-197). In this context, I wish to add the following vital contributions made by two GSI Geologists, whose names or department for which they worked were not mentioned. The nation should remain grateful forever to these two, who richly deserve tribute, for their original fundamental contribution that lead to an accidental discovery.

1. (late) Ch. Narasimha Rao, was the first to identify some of the described sediments of Cuddapah basin are of volcanogenic. Further, as such, he

suggested prospecting for phosphorite, radioactive materials etc.

2. (late) P.A. Sinha, as a sequel of such a suggestion, during his fieldwork, was taking GM counter reading in the Cuddapahs (like many others). One day after finishing his study at one spot, he shifted to a nearby well dump and sat down on that heap to write-down notes. After completion, when he was about to move, he saw the GM counter needle was out of range (beyond maximum) on that well dump (as he had forgotten to switch-off at the previous station). He was surprised and took GM counter readings with full care on that well dump and sent collected samples to AMD (AP) for assay. The U showed elevated values. Further prospecting and exploration work was carried by AMD and that is the today's

Tummalapalle U deposit, which was the opening sentence, of the author in this article "Inauguration of India's second U ore processing plant at Tummalapalle during April 2012". On correspondence on this issue with the author (ramaraoy@gmail.com), he agreed with my information, as a fact, which by oversight he missed (his reply of 14 August 2013: being 97 years old, escaped his memory). The same is acknowledged in AMD publications of 1989 (Communication of 18 August 2013: Vasudeva Rao, madakashira@yahoo.com, Dr. Y.N. Rama Rao's colleague, who associated with uranium exploration in Cuddapah basin. P.A. Sinha is a recipient of Mineral Award, MoM, GOI for this discovery along with others.