

and after visiting the site, they will make the final selection.

Shri Warrior: His question was, did the Deputy Minister visit the site and had discussion with the interested parties in Trivandrum? If so, what is the opinion of the Deputy Minister who visited the site?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): I did not visit any site. I had discussion with some people including the Education Minister, Kerala. It is not yet finally decided, because certain conveniences have to be obtained before that. But this much we can say, that the Government of Kerala is very anxious to have the rural institute and they are prepared to give their help.

Oil in Narmada River Bed

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*1213. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 Shrimati Jamuna Devi:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the search for oil in the Narmada river bed being conducted by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has met with encouraging results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a survey team from Nagpur has also reported favourably on potentialities for iron and manganese ore mining in the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmaiah): (a) and (b). Survey for obtaining only geological information in the Narmada basin is being conducted. Fresh water to marine rocks of cretaceous age have been found.

(c) No party has been sent from the Indian Bureau of Mines Nagpur to survey this area.

(d) Does not arise.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what are the indications given in the preliminary report that the Ministry has received and whether those indications are favourable?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): For what? If it is for oil, the indications are absolutely unfavourable.

डा० गोविन्द दास : जहां पर नर्मदा के पहाड़ों पर यह खोज की गई है, वह किन किन स्थानों पर की गई है और क्या और भी ऐसी कुछ खोज किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

श्री हजरतबीस : इसके बारे में तकसील में पाम नहीं है । माननीय सदस्य मुझे अगर इसके बारे में लिखेंगे तो मैं जरूर उनको इस का जवाब दूंगा ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what made the Ministry explore this region when the preliminary report has been so unfavourable?

Shri Hajarnavis: The preliminary report is never unfavourable. It is the practice of the Geological Survey to map out every part of the country and make their investigations. If we may not strike oil we may strike something else.

Aid for Construction of Primary Schools

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*1215. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have stopped giving of development grant to the State Governments for construction of primary schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether representations have been received from the State Governments, particularly from West