

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

Dugda Coal Washery

\*181. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 524 on the 26th February, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the examination of the tenders for the setting up of a Coal Washery at Dugda has been concluded;

(b) if so, the firm to which the contract has been given;

(c) the estimated cost of the plant; and

(d) when the plant is likely to be commissioned?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The tenders have been examined and a decision is likely to be taken within the next few days.

(c) About Rs. 4 crores

(d) Before the end of 1960

Vigyan Mandirs

\*187. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state the progress achieved so far in the dissemination of scientific knowledge through Vigyan Mandirs?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): So far 18 Vigyan Mandirs have been established in the country. Each Vigyan Mandir has set up (1) a Science Club, (2) a Science Museum, (3) a Library and (4) a Laboratory where samples of water and soil are analysed and pathological examination of common diseases are carried out. In addition, talks, discussions and

demonstrations are periodically held on popular scientific subjects accompanied with film/film-strip shows.

Central Assistance to States

\*191. { Shri Muhammed Elias:  
Shrimati Renuka Ray:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has evolved any new procedure for the release of Central assistance for various schemes in the States; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarakeshwari Sinha): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Ministry of Finance circular letter dated the 12th May, 1958 to the State Governments, outlining the new procedure, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix, II, annexure No 4].

Chandraketurgarh Finds

\*193. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Department of the Union Government have carried out any independent survey and investigations of Chandraketurgarh and other archaeological sites near about Calcutta where significant finds said to be from the late Maurya and Sunga ages have been found by the archaeologists of the Calcutta University attached to the Asutosh Museum; and

(b) if so, whether any report about these sites and the finds has been prepared?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.