for a fertiliser Plant have since been examined;

(b) if so, the final decision taken; and

(c) the nature of steps taken so far in setting up this plant?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The offers of Messrs. Pintsch Banag-Linde (West Germany) and Messrs. Ansaldo (Italy) for the supply and erection of plant, machinery and equipment for the fertiliser scheme have been accepted and orders placed on these firms by the Corporation.

(c) The land required for this scheme has been acquired. Preliminary steps have also been taken to design the civil works. Arrangements are being made to receive the plant, machinery and equipment at the site and also for their erection.

## Department of Archaeology

\*1160. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment as to the number of persons of various qualifications that will be required by the Central Government to man the expanding Department of Archaeology has been made;

(b) if so, the results of assessment; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the requirement at different levels?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayan Kabir): (a) and (b). It has been estimated that sixteen gazetted and eleven on-gazetted officers with technical qualifications may be required annually for the next two years to meet the requirements of the Union Department of Archaeology.

(c) A school of Archaeology has been opened on 15th of October, 1959 to give training in Archæology.

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India's Contribution towards U.N. Special Fund

*1162.	Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
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	Shri Ram Garib:
	Shri Karni Singhji:
(	Shri Karni Singhji: Shri Manabendra Shah:

Will the the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amount of Government of India's contribution towards the United Nation's Special Fund which has been recently constituted?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): Rupee equivalent of \$500,000 for the year 1959.

## Special Type of Steel

•1163. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1466 on the 23rd March, 1959 and state:

(a) the present cost of production of special types of steel in Ordnance Factories; and

(b) whether the 12 ton electric Arc Furnace has gone into operation?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The cost of production of special and alloy steels is competitive. 113 varieties of different qualities are produced. Some are of security nature required for defence purposes.

(b) Yes, Sir, it was commissioned on the 23rd September, 1959 before the target date which was October.

## Durgapur Steel Plant

°1164. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Shri Subiman Ghose:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some new defects have been noticed in the