

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Court of Inquiry has been ordered in accordance with the Air Force Rules. Until the proceedings are finalised it is not possible to indicate the results.

Oil Survey

*865. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offer for participation in search for oil from Italy;

(b) if so, the nature and details of the offer; and

(c) action taken thereon?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the nature and details of the offer.

(c) The offer is under consideration.

Cultural Grants to Madhya Pradesh

1621. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of organisations which were given grants for promotion of cultural activities in Madhya Pradesh during 1959-60; and

(b) the amount sanctioned to each of them?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Kalidas Samaroha Samiti, Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Rs. 7,500

Archaeological Survey in Madhya Pradesh

1622. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken in Madhya Pradesh

regarding ancient temples and places of archaeological and historical importance during 1959-60 and 1960-61 so far; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) *District Bhind.*—At Asohna, Barauli, Jamdara and Mow of Gohad Tehsil, black and red ware was discovered. Some interesting terracotta figures were also found from Barehat.

(ii) *District Jabalpur.*—Sculptures of the tenth to twelfth centuries in the Kalachuri style were found at Bhandari-Kalan, Patan, Fular, Bhita, Pipariya and Kunda. Stone implements were found in the valleys of Pariat, Gau and Hiren. Tools of Series I occurred in Pipari and of Series II at Batai, Birhula-Khera, Deori, Doli, Danda, Gauriya, Kalan, Keolari, Khajarwara, Nimkheda and Saliwd. Microliths and Black and Red Ware were found at Nirandpur, Patan and Bhita.

(iii) *District Nimar (East).*—Some microliths and painted pottery (black on red) were found on the Tapti. Palaeolithic and Microlithic tools were also found at Jamadhad, Maturpur, Chanera, Mojwadi, Garbardi, Chalapakhur, Tosaniya and Karoli of Burhanpur and Harsud Tehsils.

(iv) *District Vidisha.*—A large number of medieval sculptures were noticed at Shamsabad.

(v) *District Bilaspur.*—The Survey brought to light a few Buddhist antiquities, and temples and forts of late period.

(vi) *District Rewa.*—123 villages have been surveyed and the work is in progress. Temples of Shiva and other architectural remains have been discovered in the villages Nipania, Kothar, Ghorchta-Vrat, Baijnath, Kachur, Aghdal and Dhochat, the last three sites being associated with Rani Kundar Kunwar queen of Raja Ajit Singh (1755-1809).