

(b) if so, what are the broad facts revealed by this survey in the matter?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) and (b). A survey of the calibre of students admitted to polytechnics in 1960-61 was carried out and revealed that all available places had not been utilised and some of the students were not of adequate quality.

#### Historical City Near Jammu

\*282. { **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:**  
**Shri P. G. Deb:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether an historical city has newly been found near Jammu; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to conduct research in the matter?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

#### Accident to an Army Truck

\*283. **Shri Ramji Verma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Army truck plunged 40 feet into a ditch seven miles from Dehra Dun on 1st July, 1961;

(b) what is the total loss due to this accident and how many soldiers were killed; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to give compensation to the families of the dead?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total financial loss will be known when the Court of Inquiry which is in progress has given its findings. However, one 3-ton vehicle,

19 rifles and 1 sten gun were damaged and five soldiers were killed.

(c) Compensation in the form of Special family pension is admissible, where death occurs on duty. Action for grant of this pension will be initiated on receipt of the findings of the Court of Inquiry. In the meantime action to sanction Pending Enquiry Awards has been initiated.

#### Archaeological Excavations by Universities

\*284. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 615 on the 28th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the grants for archaeological excavations given to the Universities of Banaras, Calcutta and Allahabad have been utilised; and

(b) what are the considerations weighing with Government for giving the grants?

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

(b) (i) The site should be of archaeological importance and its excavation should have the prior approval of the Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology.

(ii) The university should have adequate trained personnel and equipment.

(iii) The university should incur 50 per cent of the total expenditure on the excavation work from its own budget.

#### Oil Near Shahjahanpur (U.P.)

\*285. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale geophysical methods of oil prospecting by the field officials of the Oil