

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendation of the All India Educational Editors' Conference (recently held in Delhi) for arranging short term refresher course in journalism; and

(b) whether any permanent Institution will be established for the purpose ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The recommendation is now under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) The Conference has not recommended the establishment of any permanent Institution. However, the matter will be examined in connection with the recommendation mentioned in Part (a) of the Question.

राम न्य निर्वाचन

*९८. श्री वि.भूति मिश्र : क्या विधि मंत्री यह बनाने की छुपा करेगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ निर्वाचन-क्षेत्रों में लोक-सभा और विधान मण्डलों के उम्मीदवारों के निर्वाचन के लिये मतदान एक ही दिन में समाप्त हो गया जब कि कुछ क्षेत्रों में दो सप्ताह तक चरता रहा; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं।

विधि मंत्र: (अ. ए.०. के.०. सेन) (क) जी हां।

(ख) मुझे निर्वाचन आयोग से ज्ञात हुआ है कि कुछ निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में निर्वाचन सम्बन्धी कार्यचारियों की कमी, परिवहन और संचार तथा पुलिस प्रबन्ध सम्बन्धी कठिनाइयों आदि जैसी कुछ प्रशासनिक कठिनाइयों के कारण मतदान कई दिनों तक कराना पड़ा।

Excavations at Chandraketugarh

*100. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are assisting the reported excavation by Cal-

cutta University at Chandraketugarh—23 miles from Calcutta—where remains of the 3rd Century B. C. and subsequent period, have been found; and

(b) the expert findings so far regarding the nature of the site and the trial diggings ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Permission has been accorded by the Department of Archaeology to the Calcutta University to conduct excavations at one or two selected sites within the fort. No financial or technical assistance has, however, been given.

(b) The University of Calcutta has been asked to submit the report which is awaited.

Decimal Coinage

Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Sadhan Gupta:
Pandit M. B. Bhargava:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
*101. Shri N. Keshava:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Supakar:
Shri Mool Chand:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reactions from the public in general, State Governments and other non-official organisations in particular, as to the difficulties experienced by the public as a result of the introduction of decimal coinage;

(b) if so, the nature of such difficulties; and

(c) the steps taken to remove them?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The difficulties reported have been of a varied nature. Among the