

been worked out by the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, do Government propose to lay on the Table of the House the detailed economics of this process and if so, when?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). It is presumed that the hon. Member is seeking information regarding the process for the production of Nicotine Sulphate. A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 1.]

**Dr. Amin:** Is it a fact that this process has been known since about twelve years?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, Sir. This process of producing nicotine sulphate is known not only in our country but also outside. Its difficulty was that nicotine sulphate could be extracted only from waste tobacco which contained more than 1.5 per cent. nicotine, but now the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona, has discovered a new process which could use tobacco waste which contains less than this amount of nicotine.

**Dr. Amin:** How does the price of this nicotine sulphate compare with the price of the imported one?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The cost calculation of the new process shows that nicotine sulphate which will be prepared by this method will be far cheaper than the one imported from outside.

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS

\*1491. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ancient monuments protected in the hill districts of the State of the Punjab; and

(b) whether any more monuments from these places are proposed to be taken over by the Archaeological Department and if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Thirteen.

(b) No, Sir.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the fort at Nurpur which has associations not only with Vedic times but also with Moghul and British times is being taken over as a protected monument?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** It has already been taken over.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the fort at Kangra which is called in history books as Nagarkot is being taken over as a protected monument?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Nagarkot has also been taken over.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know which branch of the Archaeological Department looks after the Punjab and where is its headquarters?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There is no State-wise division in the Central Department. The monuments have been divided according to importance and are either Centrally-controlled or State-controlled. All these which I have mentioned are Centrally-controlled monuments.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Is there any proposal to have a branch of this Department in the Punjab, where you have so many monuments of religious importance?

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[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): That is the function of the Punjab Government and it would certainly look after the matter. It is not necessary for the Centre to open a separate branch. It is the duty of the State Government.]

#### EXCISE DUTY BY NOORI SUGAR WORKS

\*1494. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty which is to be paid by Noori Sugar Works, Bhatni, District Deoria (U.P.) to the Government;

(b) the year of the crushing season for which the amount is due; and

(c) whether steps have been taken for realising it?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) No amount of Excise Duty is due to be paid to