

श्री स्वामी : मेरे पास इस सिलसिले में कोई इतलाह इसलिए नहीं है कि आम तौर से फ़ौजी दफ़्तरों की तो किलों में ले जाने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ी क्योंकि किले बहुत तेज़ी के साथ अपने स्ट्रेटिजिक इंपारटेंस को खो रहे हैं ।

منسٹر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ

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ریسرچ (مولانا آزاد) : گورنمنٹ کی عام

پالیسی یہ ہے کہ جو پرانی عمارتوں

نیشنل امپورٹینس کی ہیں اور جن

کی حفاظت کی جانی ہے ان کو

جہانگت ممکن ہے کسی دوسرے کام

کے لئے کام میں نہ لایا جائے -

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): The general policy of the Government is that old buildings of national importance which are sought to be protected should not be used for any other purposes as far as possible.]

EXCAVATIONS IN THE NARMADA VALLEY

*1606. Shri Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether the expenditure incurred for the work of excavation and exploration in the Narmada Valley was met by Government or private institutions?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The expenditure was met by the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Poona.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any of the officers of the Archaeological department were sent to the spot?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know. But, according to the general practice, if Research students apply for such excavations, the Archaeological department gives permission and then they make their own arrangements.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether Government are aware of any results of this excavation?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. There have been manifestations of seven distinct cultures in the excavations made there. In this connection, I may refer the hon. Member to a question put in the House on 14th April 1953.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether the results stand in any comparison with those in Harappa and Mohenjodaro?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I can express no opinion about that.

THE TAJ

*1608. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far over the repairs of the Taj since 1940-41;

(b) whether there is any Committee appointed to give guidance and check the expenditure incurred;

(c) if so, the composition and personnel of the Committee; and

(d) whether it is a fact that arrangements have been made to procure some precious stones from Pakistan to lay on the facade of the mausoleum?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Rs. 4,07,379.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

I may be allowed to add in answer to (d) that arrangements may have to be made at some future date for a particular type of stones to be imported from Pakistan.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know who gives the structural advice to the Government of India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There was a Committee which was formed in 1943 to advise the Government on these questions. As to the Structural Adviser, I will require notice to answer that question.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know if the Adviser recommended that the four Chhatris around the main dome of the Taj should be dismantled and rebuilt because they have become structurally unsound, and if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I cannot say anything just now as to the specific advice mentioned by the hon. lady.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether Government propose to appoint any committee to check the expenditure on all the monuments like this?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Archaeological Department is competent to deal with all these things.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know whether any tourist tax is levied for the Taj?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether any tourist tax is levied, ostensibly for the purpose of creating a fund to meet the expenditure on the repairs.

مستتر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ نیچرل

ریسرچ اینڈ سائنٹفک ریسرچ (مولانا

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[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): No.]

ARTISANS IN MACHINE TOOL PROTOTYPE FACTORY

*1609. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skilled artisans being trained in the training school attached to the Machine Tool Prototype factory at Ambernath;

(b) the amount of facilities provided to the trainees; and

(c) the total number of Scheduled Castes candidates selected for the training?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) 230.

(b) Free boarding and lodging is provided in the hostel attached to the school during the first three years of training. The trainees are also entitled to free medical treatment, two vacations of 3 weeks each during a year and casual leave not exceeding 10 days in a year in deserving cases. They are also provided with 3 sets of uniform to be renewed every year and 2 workshop overalls to be changed as and when necessary. Facilities also exist for indoor and out-door games. A library has been started for the benefit of the trainees.

After completion of the first three years of training the students are required to undergo a journeyman-ship course for two years during which

period they have to make their own arrangement for boarding and lodging. Quarters, if available, may be provided at concessional rates.

Every student is paid a stipend of Rs. 20-21 per month during the first three years and Rs. 55 and Rs. 60 per mensem plus dearness and other allowances in the 4th and 5th year respectively.

(c) 4.

Shri Ganpati Ram: May I know, Sir, what concessions are provided to the Scheduled Caste candidates in their selection, and the minimum qualifications required for the purpose?

Shri Satish Chandra: If I may explain the procedure, the candidates have first of all to take a written test in four subjects. After written test is over, there is an interview. Psycho-technical and other tests are also taken. If the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates qualify in the written test, every consideration is shown to them at later stages.

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): May I add, Sir, that 12½ per cent. seats for competition have been reserved for Scheduled Castes, and 5 per cent. for Scheduled Tribes if they come up to the specifications.

Shri Bogawat: May I know, Sir, the maximum number of skilled artisans who can be admitted in this school?

Shri Satish Chandra: One hundred each year.

Shri Nanadas: What steps have the Government taken to encourage Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates to take to this training?

Shri Satish Chandra: It has been said what encouragement is given to them. If they appear and qualify in the written test, they are invariably selected.

Shri Gidwani: Are Government aware that this Ambernath Tools Factory is near the Kalyan refugee camp where one lakh refugees live, and will more facilities and concessions be given to displaced persons to get training there?

Shri Satish Chandra: As I said the trainees are selected on the result of a competitive examination. They are welcome to come and compete in the tests.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether any Scheduled Castes candidates have appeared for this competitive examination at all?

Shri Satish Chandra: They have appeared, and they have been selected wherever found suitable.