

## DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY

\*93. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a recent meeting of the Delhi Library Board the future of the Delhi Public Library was discussed; and

(b) if so, what decisions were arrived at?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). Yes. A meeting of the Delhi Library Board was held on the 15th September, 1953 and advantage was taken of the presence in Delhi of Mr. P. N. Kirpal, Dy. Director, Division of Cultural Activities of Unesco to discuss informally the future of the Delhi Public Library. The whole question is still in the exploratory stage and no decisions were arrived at in the meeting.

## DROWNING OF ARMY PERSONNEL

\*94. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether three members of the Indian army personnel while on board the steamship 'Jalagopal' bound for Korea, were swept away from the deck of the steamship and drowned; and

(b) if so, what attempts were made to rescue them?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) Yes.

(b) As soon as the mishap occurred the ship was stopped in mid-ocean. Life-jackets and life buoys were thrown into the sea, life boats were lowered and the surrounding area was thoroughly searched for about four hours. Other ships in the vicinity were alerted. In spite of all efforts the missing men could not be traced.

## SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

\*95. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Secondary Education Commission has

been considered by the Central Advisory Board for Education; and

(b) if so, what are the decisions arrived at by the Board?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The report of the Secondary Education Commission was considered by the Central Advisory Board of Education at their annual meeting held at New Delhi on the 9th and 10th of November, 1953. The Board has authorised the Chairman to appoint a small Committee to examine its recommendations in detail with a view to suggesting methods for their early implementation. A final decision on the report will be taken by the Board in its next meeting in January, 1954.

## ALBUM OF AJANTA PAINTINGS

\*101. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an album of colour reproductions of Ajanta paintings will be published by UNESCO. shortly; and

(b) if so, in how many volumes?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes.

(b) One volume.

## IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES ON CASHEW-NUTS

42. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total collection of duties on export and import of cashew-nuts and raw cashew-nuts, if any, for the years 1950-51 to 1952-53?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):

*Import Duty*

Raw Cashew-nuts are exempt from payment of Import duty and the amount collected for the period in question is therefore 'Nil.'