

MAP OF INDIA

*710. **Shri R. S. Diwan:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kashmir State has not been included in the map of India circulated at the time of UNESCO Symposium on Solar Energy and Wind Power, held in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (**Shri K. D. Malaviya**): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 57.]

Shri R. S. Diwan: Is it a fact that the original draft map was prepared by an Indian expert and Kashmir was included in it, but it was deleted at the instance of the UNESCO printing expert? If so, may I know whether permission of the Government of India was taken before deleting it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, I do not know the facts as represented by the hon. Member. What I know is, that we were not consulted. Government of India was not consulted in the preparation of this plan and it was done by the UNESCO South Asia Science Cooperation Office, we are given to understand now, after I referred the matter to them, that it was not at all their intention to delete this. As the object was to indicate the arid zones alone in India with which the UNESCO Advisory Committee was particularly concerned, Kashmir has been deleted.

Shri R. S. Diwan: Is it a fact that immediately before the symposium, the printing expert of UNESCO had been to Kashmir and stayed there for a month or so?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of it; I will make enquiries.

Shri R. S. Diwan: May I know whether it is a fact that the term of the UNESCO expert was about to expire and it has been extended? If so, by how many years?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know. Sir.

EXCAVATIONS (NAGARJUNAKONDA)

*711. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether excavation work has recently been undertaken at Nagarjunakonda (Guntur) ruins; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to preserve the relics of Nagarjunakonda?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (**Dr. M. M. Das**): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, as far as possible.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Is it true that with the introduction of the Nandikonda Project, further explorations of the ruins and relics at Nagarjunakonda will be rendered impossible?

Dr. M. M. Das: Sir, we have got 4 or 5 years time at our disposal. The Nandikonda Dam will take at least 4 or 5 years more to be constructed. By that time we hope to finish this excavation work.

Shri Raghuramalah: May I know what special and important relics have been dug up recently that have been taken over to Burma and for what purpose?

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as I know, and I speak subject to correction some of these archaeological specimens have been sent to Burma temporarily. It has been the practice of Governments of different countries to send archaeological specimens of interest to particular countries for temporary exhibitions. So, some of our specimens may have been sent to Burma.