

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The salient recommendations of the Committee are—

(i) Application of chemical preservatives to the Temple for protection against salt,

(ii) plantation of trees around the Temple for protection against sand, and

(iii) application of water-tightening measures both inside and outside the temple.

The Committee also recommended that an all-weather road from Bhubaneswar to Konarka should be constructed and provision should be made for lodging and boarding within the Konarka area for the benefit of tourists.

(b) Experiments with chemical preservatives are being carried out and humidity tests are being taken. Steps are being taken to implement the other recommendations.

As regards construction of the road, the Government of India are in correspondence with the State Government.

PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

***1412. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government in connection with the election of the President of the Indian Union;

(b) whether any expenditure was incurred in connection with the election of the Vice-President; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what was the amount of such expenditure?

The Minister of Law and Minority Affairs (Shri Biswas): (a) to (c). Expenditure has been incurred by the Election Commission in connection with the Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections only on the purchase of 38 special ballot boxes for the former and 4 for the latter, election. The expenditure incurred on this account on the Presidential election was Rs. 3,116 and in respect of the Vice-Presidential election Rs. 328.

Ballot papers for the Presidential election were printed at the Government of India Press *gratis*. The cost on this account will be met out of the grant of the Government of India Presses. Government has no information as to the exact amount spent on this account.

In addition, expenditure has been incurred by the different State Governments in the actual conduct of the poll and in the despatch of the ballot boxes to the Returning Officer at New Delhi. Here again, Government has no information as to the amount spent by the various State Governments.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO HARIJAN AND BACKWARD CLASS STUDENTS

***1413. Shri Kakkan:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of scholarships given to the Harijan students who were studying in Engineering Colleges in Madras State in 1951-52?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): 41.

EDUCATION IN TRIBAL AREAS OF ASSAM

***1414. Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) how many aided and full-fledged Government high schools are there in the North East Frontier Agencies and the autonomous districts of Assam;

(b) how many such Middle English Schools are there; and

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to introduce compulsory primary education in the Tribal areas of Assam?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The information has been called for and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

(c) It is the policy of the Government to introduce free and compulsory Primary Education in all States of India including Assam and its Tribal Areas, but its implementation depends on how far the financial capacity of the Government can cope with the demands of the States.

INDO-GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION SCHEME

***1415. Shri Hem Raj** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what will be the subjects of study and duration of training of Indian Engineers under the Indo-German Industrial Co-operation Scheme?

(b) How the selection of these students and engineers will be made?