

Shri R. K. Chaudhury: May I know whether any gold ore has been found in the neighbourhood of Delhi?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Meghnad Saha: It requires prospecting.

Mr. Speaker: He is giving a suggestion for action. Next question.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF MAHANADI

*285. **Dr. Nataraj Pandey:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the river bed of the Mahanadi, just above the axis of the Hirakud Dam, has been surveyed geologically; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to place a copy of the Report of the Survey on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). The officers of the Geological Survey of India are at present engaged on the detailed mapping of the area about the Hirakud Dam. The work will take several months to complete and it is expected that an interim report will be received in a few months. This report will be placed on the Table of the House. The final report when received will be placed in the Library of the House.

Shri Meghnad Saha: Is the hon. Minister aware that the Geological Survey Map of Orissa contains a large portion which is shown as completely blank and as never having been investigated or visited by any officer of the Geological Survey, and therefore would he consider the desirability of engaging more geological officers to make a complete survey of this region?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: The suggestion will be taken into consideration.

HINDUSTANI SHORTHAND AND TYPE-WRITING

*286. **Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what action have Government so far taken on the Report of the Constituent Assembly's Committee on Hindustani Shorthand and Typewriting?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The report has been released to the general public for comments and suggestions. The Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee on the question of according State recognition

to the four systems of Hindi Shorthand referred to in their report and also to the Standard Keyboard for Hindi Typewriters designed by the Committee and a decision will soon be taken in these matters.

State Governments holding proficiency examinations in English Shorthand have been requested to hold Proficiency Examinations in Hindi Shorthand also.

A Committee of the All India Board of Technical Studies in Commerce and Business Administration has been asked to assess the value of Shorthand Systems other than those already examined by the Constituent Assembly's Committee. This Committee will also examine the question of a common system of shorthand for the national language and the various regional languages.

Prof. Agarwal: May I know when the Government is expected to take a final decision in regard to the standard Hindi keyboard?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I hope, Sir, the decision will be taken very shortly.

Prof. Agarwal: Has the Government made any arrangements for teaching Hindi typewriting to the stenographers in the Secretariat?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I cannot say definitely, but there are a number of private institutions where these facilities exist and quite a large number of people are being trained.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The hon. Minister said that another Committee is considering the assessment of the value of shorthand systems in Hindustani and other regional languages. May I know whether that committee will consider the systems of typewriting also for other regional languages?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: That will also be considered.

FILM ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*287. **Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state what action has so far been taken by the Government of India on the Report of the Film Enquiry Committee?

(b) Is it a fact that several recent Hindi films have been depicting the methods of violence including dacoities, for achieving political and social ends?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) The