

(b) the amount spent on these excavations during the above period (year-wise) ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr M. M. Das) : (a) One each during the years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55.

(b) The yearwise expenditure was as follows :—

	Rs.
1951-52	2,249
1952-53	4,200
1953-54	8,563
1954-55	6,800

Shri Ibrahim : May I know the places where these excavations have been carried out in Bihar ?

Dr. M. M. Das : In the year 1951-52, excavations were carried out in Bulandi-bagh near Patna. In 1952-53, the said work was continued. In the year 1953-54, excavations were carried out at Jeevakam-ravana site in the old Rajgir valley. In 1954-55, the said excavation was continued, up till February 1955.

Shri Ibrahim : May I know whether any private organisation has carried out excavation work in Bihar ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The K. P. Jayaswal Research Institute of Patna has also carried out excavations at Kumarahar (District Patna), and at Karian (District Darbhanga). They initiated these excavations in 1951-52 and they resumed them again in 1954-55.

Shri Ibrahim : May I know the articles found out ?

Dr. M. M. Das : There are lots of things found out, some remnants of old buildings, monasteries, etc.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : When the Government of Bihar and such institutions are engaged in carrying out such excavations, the Government of India have spent only about Rs. 20,000 during the last five years. Are Government aware that this sum is too little for the work that is being done in Bihar in connection with historical monuments ?

Dr. M. M. Das : Firstly, the funds of the Central Government are not unlimited. Secondly, Bihar is not the only State which abounds in these monuments, and where excavations are to be carried out.

Hindustan Aircraft Limited

*1814. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Bangalore for the production of rail coaches; and

(b) whether this capacity is proposed raised ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : (a) 15 coaches per month.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether the cost of production of the coaches will be reduced if the full capacity of the factory is utilised, and if so, whether there is any scheme to increase the production ?

Sardar Majithia : As I said, it is quite natural that with the increase in production, the cost of production goes down, and naturally prices will go down when production is increased.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether there is any scope for increasing the production, and whether all the resources for that are available ?

Sardar Majithia : Yes. I have said that there is scope for increase in production. The only thing is shortage of some raw materials.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether the Ministry of Railways consulted the Ministry of Defence before they started the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, to find out whether there is scope for more production in this factory ?

Sardar Majithia : Yes. Actually, it is a joint responsibility and everything done by Government is done in joint consultation.

Shri Gidwani : My question was when there is scope for more production in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory at Bangalore why a new factory was started at Perambur. If the production in the Bangalore factory were increased, the coaches would have been cheaper also, as was stated by the hon. Minister just now.

Mr. Speaker : It does not necessarily follow. The hon. Minister has already stated that there are joint consultations always.

Sardar Hukam Singh : May I know whether there are any prospects of the early removal of the shortage that has been complained of? For, we find that even in the last year's report it was stated that the capacity was 15. The same figure is being maintained even now.

Sardar Majithia : The production has gradually gone up. If I may be permitted to give the figures, in 1949 a total of only 49 coaches were produced, while in 1954 158 coaches have been produced. So, the production has gradually been stepped up. We have got capacity, and we can go still beyond this.

Sardar Hukam Singh : In the last year's report. It was stated that the capacity was 15 per month. We find that

the same figure is being mentioned even now. I would like to know whether there has been any progress or any rise in production since last year.

Sardar Majithia: As I said, due to shortage of certain raw materials, we could not increase it any further.

अन्नक निक्षेप (डिपोजिट्स)

*१८१५. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या प्राकृतिक संसाधन और बंशानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपया करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार की सीमाओं के निकट सोन नदी के दक्षिणी भाग में अन्नक के निक्षेप पाये गये हैं ?

शिक्षा उपमंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली) : आवश्यक जानकारी विवरण पत्र के रूप में सभा-पटल पर रखी जाती है। [दक्षिण परिशिष्ट १, अनुबन्ध संख्या १६]

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : उसका सर्वेक्षण आरम्भ हुआ है या नहीं ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : जी हां, यह सर्वे की ही रिपोर्ट है।

श्रीमती कमलानुमती शाह : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश के हिमालयों को सड़क बनाते वक्त जो बहुत सा माइका मिलता है, उसका सरकार को पता है ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : जी हां, जिस स्थान का जिक्र इस प्रश्न में किया गया है, वहां पर माइका मिलता है और यह बात सरकार को मालूम है लेकिन व्यापार की दृष्टि से वह बहुत लाभप्रद सिद्ध नहीं होगा।

Shrimati Sushama Sen : May I know whether Government have any scheme for the utilisation of the mica found in South Bhagalpur ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : If the hon. member gives notice, I shall try to answer that question.

Andaman Islands

*1876. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken for the purchase of a second ship to connect the Andaman Islands with the mainland ; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up the development of the ports of these Islands ?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes, it is proposed to acquire a vessel as soon as may be possible.

(b) Yes; it is proposed to consider schemes for the development of some ports for the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know that will be the frequency of the service between India and the Andamans as a result of buying this vessel, which is being demanded for a long time ?

Shri Datar : The frequency expected would be one sortie every week.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : What would be the cost of the ship which is proposed to be bought ?

Shri Datar : It is proposed to purchase a second-hand ship. The cost is expected to be Rs. 30 lakhs.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether there has been any attempt to develop communications between the three Andamans—North Andamans, Middle Andamans and South Andamans—in the past years ?

Shri Datar : I have answered that question already. That point is also under acute examination.

Shri Kamath : It is a fact that our hon. colleague in this House, Bishop Richardson, who represents those islands, is unable to attend sessions here because he is often stranded owing to lack of transport facilities ?

Shri Datar : Government are aware of the hardship caused to the hon. Member, and they are trying to do their best to remove it.

Canteen Stores Department

*1819. **Shri Ram Dass :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the answer given to a supplementary question to Starred Question No. 1924 on the 5th April, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the pay scales of the employees of the Canteen Stores Department have been equated with those of Government employees ; and