

(b) As indicated in the statement, J.C.Os. are either on fixed basic pay or on pay-scales with three or five increments; while Other Ranks get two increments for length of service and also get higher pay on advancement to higher class after acquiring technical skill and experience. On promotion as Naik and Havildar, they also become eligible for further increments by way of good service pay.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the dissatisfaction in the Army on account of the substantial difference in emoluments between the O.R.'s and the lower division clerks in civilian service, or between the J.C.Os. and the upper division clerks in civilian service, even though the civilian service people are not very well paid either, and if so, what steps he contemplates in this direction ?

Sardar Majithia : I am not aware of the dissatisfaction, because the O.R.'s get quite a lot of other benefits which the civilians do not get in their service.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : May I know whether it is a fact that there have been instances where the Defence Ministry was ready for additional expenditure on welfare of Army personnel in order to supplement their meagre earnings, but the Finance Ministry came in the way ?

Sardar Majithia : Not to our knowledge.

Shri Nambiar : May I know whether the recent pension rules would apply satisfactorily to the O.R.'s or they will be against their previous pension rates ?

Sardar Majithia : No. The new pension rules are generally beneficial to these employees. But they were given the option ; in case they thought that the old rules were beneficial, they could opt for the old rules. And they were treated accordingly.

Shri Nambiar : May I know whether there has been any request for reconsideration of the pension rules of O.R.'s ?

Sardar Majithia : No.

कुरुक्षेत्र में खुदाई

*२२६७. श्री राम शंकर लाल : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पंजाब सरकार ने पुरातत्व विभाग से कुरुक्षेत्र और थानेश्वर में खुदाई करने की प्रार्थना की है, जिससे कि प्राचीन हर्ष राज्य की राजधानी का पता लगे; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री के सभा-सचिव (डा० एम० एम० दास) : (क) हाँ, जी ।

(ख) अभी खुदाई कराने का कोई विचार नहीं है ।

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कौन-कौन से ऐसे पदार्थ वहाँ मिले हैं जिनसे यह पता चलता है कि वहाँ पर खुदाई करने में कुछ विशेष ज्ञान प्राप्त होने वाला है ?

Dr. M. M. Das : There are several mounds in the Kurukshetra and Thanesar areas, which have been excavated more than once. The archaeological specimens that have been found show that this place was occupied not earlier (by the Kushans) than the 2nd century B.C.

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जब इस तरह के महत्वपूर्ण स्थान का पता लगा है तो क्या कारण है कि जल्दी से जल्दी कार्यवाही करने की बात नहीं मोची जा रही है ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The excavations will be taken up in due time. There are more important sites to be excavated in Punjab itself, which relate to as far back as 2000 and 3000 B.C. And since on several occasions excavations have been done in these areas, for the time being, there is no programme with the Archaeological Department to carry out excavation work in these areas.

खजुराहो में संग्रहालय

*२२६८. श्री मोतीलाल मालवीय : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खजुराहो में संग्रहालय के लिये भवन बनाने का प्रश्न सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर अनुमानित व्यय क्या होगा; और

(ग) भवन किस तारीख तक बन कर तैयार हो जायेगा ?

शिक्षा मंत्री के सभा-सचिव (डा० एम० एम० बास) : (क) हाँ जी ।

(ख) ४७,८०१ रु० ।

(ग) अगले माली वर्ष की समाप्ति तक ।

श्री अरार० एस० तिवारी : क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि ग्रीष्म व वर्षा काल के कारण खजुराहों की मूर्तियों में जो धुंधलापन और कालापन आ गया है तो क्या उनकी रक्षा के लिए कोई उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ?

Dr. M. M. Das : There is the Jardine Museum which contains several thousands of specimens which were strewn around the ruined temples. Since there was no roof over this Museum, the idols there were subjected to rain and sun. Now, they are being treated chemically, and satisfactory results have been obtained. Now, there is a programme for providing a roof over half of the Museum.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : May I know what steps have been taken to make access to Khajuraho and stay near the temple-site less difficult than it is at present ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I think that question should be addressed to the hon. Minister of Transport.

Seizure of Gold

*2299. **Shri Janardhan Reddy :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay Customs seized large quantities of gold from a Danish sailor and two Muslim pilgrims on the 7th September, 1955; and

(b) if so, the quantity and value of the gold so seized ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha) : (a) and (b) Gold weighing 1253 tolas 44 grains and valued at Rs. 1,19,062 was seized by the Bombay Customs Department on the 6th September 1955 from a Danish sailor and two Muslim pilgrims.

श्री जनार्दन रेड्डी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सन् १९५४ से अगस्त १९५५ तक इस तरह के कितने बाक्यात हुए और कितना मोना पकड़ा गया, और उसके बारे में क्या कार्रवाई की गयी ?

श्री ए० सी० गूह : वित्त वर्ष (financial year) १९५४-५५ का हिसाब मेरे पास है। इस साल में ६७,७२१ तोला मोना पकड़ा गया जिसकी कीमत ६१ लाख है।

श्री जनार्दन रेड्डी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इन हालात में गवर्नमेंट इस तरह के बाक्यात को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही हैं ?

श्री ए० सी० गूह : यह बात बहुत दफा बतलायी जा चुकी है। हम बहुत काम कर रहे हैं। यह चौकानियन के काम में थोड़ी कमी भी हुई है।

Shri S. N. Das : May I know the circumstances in which this gold was being taken out by these people ?

Shri A. C. Guha : The Danish smuggler came in a steamer. I think the steamer was coming from Hong Kong. From him, 6 packets containing 63 bars of bullion weighing 1010 tolas and 60 grains were seized. The marking on the gold indicates that it was smuggled from Hong Kong. The two Muslim pilgrims reached Bombay on the same day but by another steamer. Some gold was found in a thermos flask and a bigger quantity was concealed in the rearside of a wooden box of the pilgrims which formed part of their baggage.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi : I want to know whether the facts revealed by the hon. Minister include an incident in which the film star, Naseem, was smuggling gold and some jewellery.

Shri A. C. Guha : No, Sir, that was another incident. The name of this pilgrim steamer was *Islami* which started from Jeddah and reached Bombay on the 6th September.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi : My question was different. He has not followed my question.

Mr. Speaker : Order. order. It is not of importance.

Awards and Decorations

*2300. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the various categories or descriptions of awards and decorations that are conferred by the President on Indian Citizens ?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : The various categories of civilian decorations that are