

**Shri Datar:** Government propose to set apart about Rs. 11,80,000 over the scheme of the plantations either for clearing the forests or for giving interest-free loans.

#### SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY

\*544. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Sanskrit University in India;

(b) if so, the name of the State which has sponsored it; and

(c) whether the Central Government are considering the question of providing any further facilities for Sanskrit studies?

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

(b) Punjab.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Shri Velayudhan:** What was the nature of the scheme submitted by the Governor of the Punjab to the Central Government, and what action have the Central Government taken on it? Are the Central Government contemplating to start a Sanskrit University and, if so, at what place?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The decision to start a university lies with the State Government; the Central Government has nothing to do with it. The Governor of the Punjab submitted a proposal to the President for establishing a Sanskrit University at Kurukshetra and President wanted to know the advice of the Ministry of Education, Government of India regarding the establishment of the Sanskrit University.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know what other facilities the Central Government is giving for the Sanskrit Colleges in India, and whether any Central grant is given to the Sanskrit colleges existing in India, especially in Travancore-Cochin where there are one or two colleges?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** We give grants to research institutions which are carrying out research in Indology and Sanskrit. For example, we give grants to Bhandarkar Institute, Poona, the Deccan College of Post-graduate Studies.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is enough if he gives the categories.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** काशी जो कि संस्कृत विद्या का आरम्भ से ही ऐतिहासिक केन्द्र रहा है और अभी भी है, क्या यू०पी० की सरकार से कोई इस बातकी सिफारिश केन्द्रीय सरकार को प्राप्त हुई है कि संस्कृत का विश्वविद्यालय वहाँ स्थापित किया जाय ?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** I have at present no information about this.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** I understood from the reply that the matter was referred to the Ministry of Education for advice. May I know what was the advice given by the Ministry on this point?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The Education Ministry placed before the President some facts regarding the establishment of a university. The University Grants Commission had said about this matter that a university properly so called should have more than one subject or Faculty. But this university was proposed only for one subject. That is number one. Then, the detailed plan was sent to the Ministry of Education where it was said that the university would be like any other university, only with a strong bias for Humanities, particularly Oriental Studies. The criticism was on this detailed plan.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** What was the advice given?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** That it is not advisable for the State Government of Punjab now to start a university like this.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** In this university, will the medium of instruction be Sanskrit or any modern language?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** We do not know the details of the plan whether the medium of instruction will be Sanskrit or something else.

**Shri Velayudhan:** In the answer given by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary, he mentioned that Government have reached certain conclusions about the subjects to be taught in the proposed Sanskrit University. May I know whether Government have enquired if certain specific subjects in Sanskrit are being taught in some of the very ancient Sanskrit colleges existing in India, especially in Travancore-Cochin where the first Sanskrit College in South India was started?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** Government have no confusion at all about the subjects that will be taught in the proposed University. They only said that the financial condition of the Punjab Government is such that they cannot consolidate the Punjab University and College and they cannot build the headquarters of the Punjab University and College, and so it will not be proper for the Punjab University to start this Sanskrit University at Kurukshetra.

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** I would like to add that Government are considering the proposal to appoint a Sanskrit Commission, that Commission will go into the whole question of the future of Sanskrit studies; and I hope the Commission will be appointed shortly.

#### OIL WELLS

\* **\*546. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state whether any step has been taken for drilling oil-wells after mapping of structures suitable as potential oil-fields in the Hoshiarpur and Kangra Districts?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** The Jwalamukhi area in the Kangra District has been mapped geologically. The study of the data indicates that there are prospects and further investigations and exploratory drilling are contemplated

in the near future. Geophysical investigation in the plains near Hoshiarpur is also expected to be taken up shortly.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know why there is so much delay in drilling the wells?

**Sardar Majithia:** There is no delay. It has only recently been mapped out and we are proceeding at quite a rapid pace.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know what areas of the Hoshiarpur district are being investigated and how far the investigation has proceeded?

**Sardar Majithia:** It was the Russian experts who recently visited this country who went over the Kangra area and also the Hoshiarpur area, the area adjoining that. And they have submitted a preliminary report. Till we get the final report it will be difficult for me to give all the details.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know whether there is any chance of the drilling of the oil wells being started this year?

**Sardar Majithia:** It is a bit too early at the moment.

#### LOWER DIVISION CLERKS IN GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

\***547. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1172 on the 18th March, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the revision of the Pay Scale of the Lower Division clerks; and

(b) if so, the nature of it?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** What is the difficulty in the way of the Government to take a decision in this matter?