

**Shri Kamath :** He is asking about the Mosquito bomber.

**Shri G. S. Singh :** May I know whether the Government is aware that this aircraft was rejected by the NATO Powers, of which United Kingdom is a member, as being unsuitable and, if so, what special consideration has persuaded the Government with regard to the suitability of this aircraft for India.

**Shri Tyagi :** I would excuse myself by one simple apology that the matter is under negotiations and it will not be very business-like for me to go very much into details.

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) :** I will go beyond my colleague in this matter. I was surprised to hear what the hon. Member said about rejection, because it is in consultation with those British authorities that we have been considering this matter—apart from our own consideration—and on their recommendations. There is no question of their rejection—in fact, I cannot say about what they are going to do—when they were themselves interested in using this. Of course, in a country like the United Kingdom and others there is a large variety of aircraft and weapons for various specific purposes. Our needs and our outlook is different; the whole conception is different. Our's may be defence and their's may be attacks. There are so many other considerations involved in it. But what I should like to make clear is that it is not a question of our accepting something which has been rejected by others.

#### Lignite in Western Kutch

**\*295. Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India have struck lignite in Western Kutch.

(b) if so, the area under which lignite deposits have been located; and

(c) the estimated quantity thereof?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) :** (a) to (c). Occurrence of thin seams of lignite at Umarsar Lefri, Jhullrai and Baranda in Kutch has been known to the Geological Survey of India for a long time. The total reserves at Umarsar determined by drilling are about 10 to 11 million tons. The reserves of lignite in other places have not been estimated.

**Shri Gidwani :** Are these deposits of any economic value?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** In most of these places the over burden is rather wide and, therefore, the experts consider that they may not be of economic value.

**Shri Gidwani :** Is the investigation going on or has it been finalised?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** Investigations are still going on.

**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma :** In which places in India have the Geological Survey of India found out uranium ores?

**Mr. Speaker :** Does it arise out of lignite?

**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma :** Yes, Sir. May I know whether.....

**Mr. Speaker :** Uranium is different from lignite.

#### Sanskrit Manuscripts

**\*296. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 887 on the 23rd March, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the list of Sanskrit books and manuscripts lying in the various European countries has since been completed; and

(b) if not, how long it will take to complete it?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) This may take many years.

**Shri Dabhi :** May I know at least the names of certain important books and manuscripts lying in the European countries?

**Dr. M. M. Das :** The lists have not yet been compiled.

**Shri B. S. Murthy :** May I know how this work is being carried on?

**Dr. M. M. Das :** That is being considered now. We have placed the whole matter before the Indological Committee consisting of professors of ancient Indian culture and they are considering the matter.

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** May I know whether Government propose to send any Indological scholar to take up this work?

**Dr. M. M. Das :** That is also being considered by the Indological Committee.

**Shri S. C. Samanta :** May I know whether Government have any information about an eminent professor of some