

(b) to (d) Do not arise

**Shri Sadhan Gupta:** Was there any enquiry by the income-tax officer in the shipping concerns about whether deductions have been made and if so, is it a fact that the Bengal Chamber of Commerce raised serious objections in the Board of Revenue and threatened serious damage to the port of Calcutta and to Indian industries?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** The Calcutta income-tax officers pointed this out to us and therefore, the whole matter is under examination. I said that

#### Museums

\*688. { Shri Panigrahi.  
Shri S. A. Mehdi.

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether any financial allocation for museums have been made for the period 1959-60,

(b) whether requests from various States and museums have been received by the Ministry, and

(c) whether there has been any request from Orissa Government for any financial assistance for the State Museum in 1959-60?

**The Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) The State Government have been authorised to incur an expenditure not exceeding Rs 66,000 on the State museums during the current year.

**Shri Panigrahi:** In answer to (a) and (b) the hon Minister has stated that requests have been received from various State museums. May I know which of the State museums have requested Government for financial help and what is the amount asked for?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** It is a fairly long list

**Shri Panigrahi:** What is the total amount?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** I think I will have to add it up. But I may say that we have already sanctioned during the current year about Rs. 9 lakhs to State museums and others.

**Shri Panigrahi:** In answer to one of the previous question, the hon Minister has stated that an ad hoc grant of Rs 1 lakh was given to the Orissa State museum at Bhubaneswar and the hon Minister has stated that further grants will be considered. May I know whether apart from Rs 60,000 further grants will also be considered

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** I have already stated Rs 1 lakh was given and further grants will be given when we have the necessary funds.

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Do the Government intend to establish an agency to supervise the curious and other things in private collections?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** We have a Central Advisory Board of Museums to go into the question of general policy and I do not think it would be desirable to set up any Central machinery to go into the details about particular items in separate museums in different parts of the country.

श्री अ० सु० तारिक हिन्दुस्तान में बहुत से लोगों के पास पुरानी तवारीखी चीजे हैं वह हुकूमत को बेची जाये इसके लिये आप ने क्या कोई पालिसी अस्त्यार की है जिस को परसु किया जा रहा हो ?

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उपायक महोदय महान परम्परा के वंशों की बात है ?

की ओर से कुछ तकनीक उपकरणों का म्यूजियम में जाने की बात है जो कि लोगों के पास है।

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सम्बर को यह बतला सकता हूँ कि बाहर की  
चीजें खरीदने के लिये एक घाटें पब्लिक  
कमेटी है उसके जरिये हम हमेशा यह  
काशिश करते हैं कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा चीजें  
खरीदी जाय।

Shri S A Mehdi: Has Government  
any agency to take any inventory or  
to ask the private people to give a  
list or something of the old things  
that they have collected?

Shri Humayun Kabir I have just  
now stated that we do try to purchase  
from private collections, but I do not  
think it is possible to make an inven-  
tory of all the different items in all  
the different private collections

#### Soviet Aid for Oil Exploration

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{ Shri Achar  
Shri Narayanankutty Menon  
Shri Punnose  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi  
Pandit Munishwar Dutt  
Upadhyay:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi  
Shri Hem Barua  
Shri P C Borooah  
Shri P G Deb

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines  
and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether any agreement has  
been concluded between India and  
USSR for assistance in exploration  
and drilling of oil in India and

(b) if so what is the nature of the  
agreement?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri  
K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b) Some  
contracts have been entered into with

the USSR authorities for the purchase  
of drilling rigs, accessories and other  
equipments and assignment of the  
Soviet experts to the Oil and Natural  
Gas Commission for the execution of  
some of the projects being under-  
taken by the Commission

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know  
whether it is a fact that a Rs 30  
crores scheme was prepared by the  
Government of India on the advice of  
the USSR experts, and, if so, the  
amount that USSR has offered, and  
whether they have also offered any  
technical collaboration?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The plan that  
was prepared by the Oil and Natural  
Gas Commission with the help of the  
USSR experts in 1956 had no relation  
with the advances or loans to be  
advanced by that Government

Shri Jaipal Singh. Sir, I am subject  
to correction by the hon Minister, but  
the general impression I have gained  
so far from his replies has been to  
the effect that as far as the public  
sector is concerned

Mr Deputy-Speaker. If he puts his  
question, perhaps, he might not re-  
quire any correction

Shri Jaipal Singh: In regard to oil  
exploration agreements I find that he  
treks only over the red area, and in  
the private sector there are people  
from the "blue area" I find that  
agreements in the public sector, whe-  
ther it is for the purchase of equip-  
ments or whatever else it is, they are  
all with the red area Is there any  
special reason why other areas have  
been kept out of it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya. There is no  
special reason The Government of  
India always welcome collaboration or  
association with any party which  
wants to help us in the oil explora-  
tion programmes within the industrial  
policy resolution My hon friend is  
not perhaps aware that already some  
private oil companies are exploring  
for oil in this country The Assam Oil  
Company are searching for oil in As-  
sam The Standard Vacuum Oil  
Company are searching for oil in