

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a letter addressed by the Sindh Chamber of Commerce and Industry to the Chief Minister of Mysore levelling grave charges of corruption, nepotism and favouritism against the Indian Oil Company's Administration;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the charges; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The enquiry disclosed that the charges are vague and not supported by facts.

National Geophysical Institute at Hyderabad

691. Shri Bishanchander Seth: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has approved a ten-year programme of the National Geophysical Research Institute at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started;

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the ten year Programme?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research work has already been initiated in laboratories of Osmania University through the good offices of the Vice-Chancellor.

(c) Rs. 50 lakhs during the 3rd Plan period.

(d) Research will be organised and conducted in five research divisions: (i) Gravity and Magnetism; (ii) Electrical and Electromagnetics; (iii) Seismology and Seismic Crustal Studies;

(iv) Physical Properties; (v) Geochronology, Geochemistry and Petrology. A Oceanography Research Wing is being organised in Cochin.

Gandhian Philosophy

692. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kumari Manuben Gandhi undertook lecture tours of schools for promotion of Gandhian philosophy under a Government scheme during Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, how many schools she visited up till now under the scheme and the names of the schools she visited; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred up till now under this scheme?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 12,380/- has been incurred so far in arranging Kumari Gandhi's lecture tours in different States/Union Territories.

Post Matric Scholarships to Backward Class Students

693. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications were received from the students of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward classes (separately) for the award of the Post-matric scholarships in 1962-63 in Mysore State;

(b) how many from them have been awarded scholarships so far in each category; and

(c) by which time all the awards will be finalised?