

published in the 'Statesman' dated the 11th October, 1964 to the effect that a 2600 year old town named Ramagram has been found in Gorakhpur by an exploration party of Gorakhpur University's Department of Ancient History; and

(b) if so, the details of the discovery?

**The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the discovery are being verified.

#### **Rehabilitation of Refugees in Cachar**

1430. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

Will the Minister of **Rehabilitation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 360 on the 23rd September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether any time limit had been fixed for the Committee constituted in 1962 to enquire into the failure of the Indian Tea Association Scheme in Cachar for the rehabilitation of the former East Pakistan refugees to submit its report; and

(b) if so, when this report is expected to be submitted?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Tyagi):** (a) and (b). Yes. The original date of submission of the Report by the Committee, which was fixed as the 30th April, 1963 has since been extended upto the 31st January, 1965. The report is expected to be submitted by that date.

#### **Images of Buddha in Bamia (Afghanistan)**

1431. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri D. D. Puri:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether two huge images of Lord Buddha measuring 53 and 35

metres respectively have been located in the mountains of Afghanistan in Bamian area and inspected by the Director-General Archaeological Survey of India recently on an invitation from the Afghan Government.

(b) whether it is proposed to take up extensive excavations in this area; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) The existence of the images is known for a long time. They were inspected by the Director General of Archaeology in July, 1964.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Science Teaching in Primary Schools**

1432. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to start teaching science at the primary school stage;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme; and

(c) whether the views of the State Governments have been invited on the proposal?

**The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) The primary school curriculum includes teaching of elementary principles of science in some form.

(b) A phased five-year programme (starting with 1965-66) is under consideration to reorient and strengthen the teaching of general science as an integrated and articulate course for classes I—XI. This programme will include (i) preparation of instructional materials, (ii) use of new techniques of teaching, (iii)