

(b) The Institute has proposed to set up demonstration solar stills of higher capacity at suitable locations in Gujarat State during the fourth plan.

Discoveries by Indian Scientists Abroad

1745. Shri Krishnapal Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a young Indian Scientist, Mr. Gurdev Singh, has recently attained distinction by his discovery of the LASER Ray which can be used for both defence and peaceful purposes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that another young Scientist, Dr. Narlikar, has also attained distinction in another branch of Physics; and

(c) whether Government propose to persuade such scientists to return to India and work here and also to provide adequate facilities to them for research work?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) It is not correct to say that Shri Gurdev Singh had discovered LASER. The first operating LASER was a solid state design by T. H. Maiman in 1960. The Press release in "Statesman" regarding Shri Gurdev Singh relates only to his experience in one of the laboratories in U.K. in making crystals.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government have been taking measures to assist Indian Scientists and technologists working abroad to find suitable jobs in India so that they might contribute to and participate in the scientific and technical development of the country. The Scientists' Pool administered by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research provides temporary placement to well-qualified Indian Scientists and technologists returning from abroad until they are absorbed

in suitable posts on a more or less permanent basis. Approved scientific institutes have been authorised to create a certain number of supernumerary posts to which temporary appointments could be made quickly from among the scientists working and studying abroad.

Small-Scale Industries in Dandakaranya

1747. { Shri Solanki:
Shri P. K. Das:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sounded friendly countries specialising in small-scale industries to give assistance in setting up small-scale industries in Dandakaranya for the rehabilitation of the refugees;

(b) the types of industries for which assistance has been sought for and the response received; and

(c) the employment opportunity that these industries will offer?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Tyagi): (a) to (c). In connection with an offer for aid from the Danish Government, preliminary discussions were held about exploring the scope for assistance in setting up small industrial units in Dandakaranya. No definite indication has, however, been received so far as to whether any aid from Denmark will actually be available and if so, for what schemes.

Petro-Chemical Industries

1748. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up petro-chemical industries one in the East and the other in the South;

(b) whether the locations thereof have been decided;

(c) if so, the particulars thereof; and

(d) the priority attached to these projects?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) These projects are envisaged for implementation during the Fifth Five Year Plan period, except for some items for which action will be taken in the Fourth Plan period.

Sculpture found in Kashmir

1749. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 9th Century sculpture at Devasar Area of Kulgam in Kashmir has been discovered; and

(b) if so, what light it throws on the history of Kashmir?

The Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajrnavis): (a) and (b). A small plaque of stone measuring 6.4 cms. X 3.8 cms. is reported to have been discovered by the Department of Archaeology, Museum and Libraries, Srinagar, at Devasar in Kulgam Tehsil and details of the discovery have been called for from the State Government.

Death of a Political Detenué of Maharashtra in Jail

1750. { Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Political detenué under the D.I.R. recently died in a prison in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the causes of his death?

The Minister of State in the Minis-

try of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). Two detenus detained under D.I.R. in Maharashtra died due to illness despite adequate medical aid. One of them, who had been detained by the Central Government, died of left ventricular failure due to Myocarditis. The other, who had been detained by the State Government, died of coronary thrombosis.

घासाम में तेल के कुत्रों की ख़ुर्दगी

1751. { श्री हिन्दर लाल :
श्री विश्वनाथ पांडेय :
श्री प्र० च० बड़वा :
श्री प्र० र० चक्रवर्ती :

क्या वेदुलियम और रत्तादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने घासाम के तेल वाले क्षेत्रों में तथा नये तेल क्षेत्रों में भी भूतुनंधान के उद्देश्य से बड़े पैमाने पर कुत्र खोदने का कार्यक्रम आरम्भ किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो अब तक उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

वेदुलियम और रत्तादन मंत्री (श्री हुनायून कबिर) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) घासाम के कुछ क्षेत्रों में तेल या गैस मिली है। गुजरात में उरतादन शुरू हुआ है। अन्वेषण व्ययन कार्य कई राज्यों में किया जा रहा है।

Ernakulam Backwaters

1752. Shri Mohammed Koya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a portion of the Ernakulam backwaters was given to a private hotel owner on lease;

(b) whether this has affected the natural beauty of Ernakulam;