

(c) and (d). The radium stock has been frozen.

Discovery of Ancient Temples and Ships Near Sea Coast at Dwarika

3559. DR. A. K. PATEL :
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ocean Archaeological Unit of the National Oceanography Institute, Goa has discovered the remains of ancient temples and ships near the sea-coast at Dwarika;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far and the plans made for future; and

(c) what light does this discovery of the remains of ancient temples etc. at Dwarika throw on the ancient history of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) A group lead by Dr. S. R. Rao, Retired Superintendent Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India has reported discovery of ancient remains near the sea coast of Dwarika. National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) provided logistic support.

(b) Investigations were started by Dr. S. R. Rao in 1981 with logistic support provided by NIO and under Indian National Science Academy (INSA) grant. Work carried out in Bet Dwarika region revealed archaeological evidence. These have been reported to be of late and post Harrappan period. Offshore surveys have been conducted beyond the entry point of the ancient harbour at Dwarika during 1983-84. A wall like alignment has been noticed. Submergence is indicated by a massive stone wall built on the wall cut bench in the intertidal zone. Dr. Rao has submitted a three year programme of investigation,

in the coastal areas at different sites, to the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for funding. DST has agreed to provide support, CSIR has agreed to provide logistic support through NIO.

(c) Work so far undertaken indicated submergence in the region in Bet Dwarika. Further from decipherment of letters found on a jar, collected in course of investigation, it has been reported that these are identical to semitic alphabets of thirteenth-twelfth Century B.C.

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda) : Sir, the teachers of the Delhi University are on strike on the issue of implementation of the agreement reached with them...(*Interruptions*).

The agreement reached with them is not being implemented...(*Interruptions*).

[*English*]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Sir, six thousand teachers in Delhi University are on strike since yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER : That does not matter.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Sir, there was an agreement.

MR. SPEAKER : You give me something, then I will see.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : We have already given.

MR. SPEAKER : I will get the information.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I have already allowed one 377.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : 377 will not do. We want policy decision.