

**Recommendations made by Rashtriya
Ved Vidya Pratishthan**

975. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rashtriya Ved-Vidya Pratishthan had recommended that National Council of Educational Research and Training may be requested to include Sutras of Vedic Mathematics and their applications as enrichment materials; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was discussed in a meeting convened by the Department of Education at which representatives of the Pratishthan and NCERT were also present. This was followed by a meeting of an Export Committee constituted by the Pratishthan on 2nd January, 1990. In pursuance of the recommendation of this committee, the Member Secretary, Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, has had a meeting with the Director, NCERT, and discussed the question of devising enrichment materials on Vedic Mathematics.

Offshore Survey of Dwaraka

976. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the offshore survey of Dwaraka has been completed; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON) : (a) A group led by Dr. S.R. Rao, retired Superintendent Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India has concluded the present phase of offshore survey of Dwaraka.

(b) The salient results reported are :

- Discovery of submerged in-situ fortification walls and bastions of massive stone blocks and remains of other buildings at 10 metres depth off Dwaraka and spread over one and half kilometre seaward.
- Finding of large stone anchors of the type used in Syria and Cyprus as described in ancient text, which prove that it was an important port.
- Corroboration of reclamation of land from the sea as referred to in the ancient texts. Dry Bolder Foundation is observed in water logged areas below the massive bastions and walls which have now been documented and filmed.
- Discovery of unique seal reported to be used by residents of Dwaraka
- Inference on the high level of civilisation (as referred to in the Mahabharat) gauged from inscriptions found on the Jar and from other findings like iron and bronze objects, copper vessel, stone blades and shell bangles etc.