

**Mechanical Engineering Institute**

\*1421. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme for establishment of a mechanical Engineering Research Institute has been finalised ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme ?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali)** : (a) and (b). Not yet. A Planning Committee has been set up by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research to prepare detailed plans estimates and programme of work for the proposed Institute.

**Shri Ram Krishan** : May I know by what time this work will be completed?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali** : That is very difficult to say, but provision has been made in the Second Five Year Plan.

**Manufacture of Pure Managanese**

\*1424 **A. Dr. Rama Rao** : Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to manufacture pure manganese out of the inferior and rejected manganese ore; and

(b) whether Government or any private concern is utilising the Electrolytic Process developed by our National Laboratories for the same?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali)** : (a) No. Sir.

(b) No. But a process therefor is being tested in the Central Electrochemical Research Institute at Karaikudi. A semi-pilot plant has been set up to carry out trials with low grade ores for the production of electrolytic manganese.

**Dr. Rama Rao** : The hon. Minister has just now stated that a process is being tested. Is it done on a manufacturing scale or is the test carried on to find out whether we can manufacture it? My information is that it is already tested and found very efficient.

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali** : No, researches are still being carried on.

**Dr. Rama Rao** : Am I to understand from the hon. Minister's statement that the researches are not yet over?

**Mr. Speaker** : That is what he says.

**Dr. Rama Rao** : We have been shown pure, cent per cent manganese produced by

this process. There is an exhibition going on.

**Mr. Speaker** : Researches are perpetual.

**बुद्ध परिनिर्वाण-जयन्ती समारोह**

\*१४२५ श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा क गे कि :

(क) २५००वीं बुद्ध परिनिर्वाण जयन्ती समारोह के सिलसिले में सरकार ने किस प्रकार के उत्सवों का आयोजन किया था ;

(ख) इन उत्सवों में विदेशों से आकर किन किन महानुभावों ने भाग लिया ; और

(ग) उस समारोह के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों पर भारत सरकार का कुल कितना धन व्यय हुआ ?

**शिक्षा उपमंत्री (डा० न० मो० दास)** :

(क) सांस्कृतिक ।

(ख) इस अवसर पर "कोन कोन है" यह जानकारी उपलब्ध है और इसकी प्रतिया संसद् पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं ।

(ग) वित्तीय वर्ष की समाप्ति के पहले यह जानकारी उपलब्ध होने की अपेक्षा नहीं है ।

**श्री भक्त दर्शन** : सप्ट (ग) के उत्तर में बताया गया है कि अभी तक इस धन राशि के आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हो सके हैं । क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस कार्य के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने और राज्य सरकारों ने कितनी धन राशि रखी थी, यानी इसके लिये एलाटमेंट कितना था ?

**Dr. M. M. Das** : So far as the Buddha Jayanti is concerned, for the current year the Education Ministry's budget was about Rs. 15 lakhs.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन** : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस समारोह में अथवा बुद्ध ने जो