

Urn containing gold found in District Bhilwara

1856. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while digging a platform for constructing road at village Jagpura, Tehsil Asind, District Bhilwara, Rajasthan under the "Food for work programme" a brass container was found;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there were gold sovereigns weighing 7 kilograms in the said brass container;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Sarpanch of Jagpura, his son, a money lender and a mate beat up the labourers and took the entire gold in their possession;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the gold has not so far been recovered in spite of lodging a report with the police; and

(e) if so, the officers who conducted the enquiry in the matter and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (e) According to the information received from the Government, Rajasthan, while digging a platform for construction of a road at village Jagpura, a brass container was reported lying buried in the field of Shri Chandra Vir Singh of Jagpura. Two persons named Uda and Dajmal went to Thakur Pratap Singh and told him that two persons Teja and Ram Chandra had taken away the brass container. Thakur Pratap Singh called both Teja and Ram Chandra and started making enquiries at his own level and in the process, both Teja and Ram Chandra were harassed and beaten by the Thakur and his men.

On being informed by Shri B. P. Singh, Ex-MLA Bhilwara, the Government of Rajasthan deputed two officers to visit the spot and conduct enquiry into the matter. According to their report no clue came to their

notice which could show any connivance of the District Police at any level in the disappearance or alleged misappropriation of the treasure.

(A case under Section 403/411 was registered and two persons named Uda and Rajmal have been arrested and thoroughly interrogated. The case has since been entrusted to the State CID for investigation.

Comparative figure of expenditure and achievements between Pvt. and Public Sectors

1857. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for the slow pace of Research and Development in industry during 74-75 to 76-77;

(b) the higher percentage of expenditure over it; and

(c) the comparative figure of expenditure and achievements between private and public sectors during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) to (c) R&D expenditure as reported by productive sector industries reached a level of about Rs 84/- crores in 1976-77 from Rs. 68/- crores in 1975-76 and Rs. 56|- crores in 1974-75. The increase nearly works out to 23.5 per cent over 1975-76.

The expenditure on R&D by the Private industries has increased from 36.46 crores in 1974-75 to Rs. 49.50 crores in 1976-77 and that of the public sector industries has increased from about Rs. 19/- crores in 1974-75 to about Rs. 34/- crores in 1976-77. Data on probable R&D achievement in terms of identifiable parameters like number of patents sealed, the number of processes released for commercial exploitation, rate of production of technological innovations, is not available since a large part of R&D in industry is undertaken for improving processes, cost reduction, substitution of raw material etc. and is for captive consumption.