

Plan to develop Buddhist Relics at Nagarjun Sagar in Andhra Pradesh

5588. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state whether any plan as been chalked out to preserve the Buddhist relics of the surrounding places of Nagarjun Sagar in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The Buddhist relics in the immediate surroundings of Nagarjun Sagar are the excavated as well as the transplanted structural remains at Anupu which are periodically preserved, as per the requirements, by way of resetting the loose bricks of walls, water-tightening the exposed wall-tops and keeping the site neat and clean.

Subsidising the Journal entitled Studies in History

5589. SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a journal 'Studies in History' published by the Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., has a subscriber list of one thousand;

(b) whether the journal is subsidised by the JNU to the extent of Rs. 500/- a year and that a Research Assistant has been appointed to assist in the publication of the journal besides his other duties; and

(c) whether it is proposed to continue subsidising the publication

having a limited subscriber list which amounts to waste of public funds and if so what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The journal is published by a private publishing house on behalf of the Centre for Historical Studies. Its subscriber list is less than one thousand.

(b) and (c) The journal is subsidised by the University to the extent of Rs. 5000/- a year in the form of purchase of a fixed number of copies. The journal is edited by the Centre for Historical Studies and a Research Assistant of the Centre is partly engaged in this work. Considering the academic value of the journal and the fact that a private publisher is responsible for publishing as well as financing of the journal, the University proposes to continue the present arrangement of indirect subsidy for the journal.

Exploitation of unemployed youth by the Kanchrapara Railway workshop

5590. SHRI MOHAMMED ISMAIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations dated 5th November, 1981 and 16th November, 1981 regarding the unfair labour practice and exploitation of unemployed youth by the Railway administration of Kanchrapara Railway Workshop;

(b) if so, details of the said representations;