

opening of new Polytechnics during 1958-60 and remaining period of Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the schemes have been approved;

(c) the nature of the help given by the Central Government; and

(d) the location of the institution?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) to (d). The Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted estimates for the establishment of two polytechnics under the Centrally Sponsored scheme. The estimates are under examination. It has been decided to locate the institutions at Proddatur and Nizamabad. The following Central assistance is admissible in their establishment:—

(i) Non-recurring—50 per cent of the approved cost.

(ii) Recurring—50 per cent of the net expenditure for a period of five years from commencement.

Central Government will also advance loans for the construction of approved hostel accommodation.

Excavations in Andhra Pradesh

1582. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any excavations were carried out in Andhra Pradesh during 1958-59; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Excavations at Nagarjunakonda, which have been in progress since 1954, were continued and led to the discovery, among others, of a few pillared mandaps and inscribed pillars of the Ikshvaku period (3rd-4th Century A.D.). Digging near the stadium has revealed the existence of a hidden canal with bunds, running

east-west and having a supporting wall.

Deep-Sea Fishing Boats for Laccadive Islands

1583. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether boats for deep-sea fishing have been got ready for use in the Laccadive Islands;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) whether all of them are equipped with engines, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four

(c) and (d) One of them has already been equipped with an engine. The licences to import the engines for the remaining three boats have been received recently and these three boats will also soon be equipped with engines.

Laccadive Group of Islands

1584. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state how many engineers, overseers and section officers have been appointed in or deputed to the Laccadive Group of Islands so far?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): One Executive Engineer, two Assistant Engineers and four Section Officers have been appointed for the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands.

Archaeological Survey of Andhra

1585. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of ancient temples and places of archaeological and historical importance has been completed in Andhra Pradesh;