

**Ramanujam Institute of Mathematics**

\*891. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ramanujam Institute of Mathematics will be handed over to the Madras University;

(b) if so, from which date;

(c) the recurring grant proposed to be paid to the University;

(d) the recommendations of the University Grants Commission in this regard; and

(e) whether increased assistance will be given to this Institute to honour the revered name of Ramanujam?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) and (b). The Institute was handed over to the Madras University on the 1st November, 1958.

(c) and (d). The Commission has agreed to pay to the Institute a recurring grant of Rs. 45,000/- per annum with effect from the 1st April, 1960.

(e) Any proposal for increased assistance will be considered on its merits, if a request for the same is received from Madras University.

**New Process for Production of Pig Iron**

\*892. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Salem iron ore from Madras has been reduced to pig iron, as a test, with the aid of low grade non-coking coal by the low shaft furnace process at the National Metallurgical Laboratory at Jamshedpur;

(b) if so, how much of it was processed; and

(c) whether the test has been successful?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) No.

Sir. The National Metallurgical Laboratory at Jamshedpur has not yet received Salem iron ore for smelting trials in the Low Shaft Furnace Plant.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Research on Antibiotics**

1686. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 2765 on the 27th April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in finalising the proposal for the establishment of a laboratory wholly devoted to researches on antibiotics;

(b) if so, where the laboratory will be set up; and

(c) the total amount to be spent on the same?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (c). A Committee of the Panel of Scientists of the Planning Commission has gone into the question of setting up of an Institute for Research in Antibiotics in the light of existing available facilities. The recommendations of that Committee are now under consideration.

**Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

1687. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the amount spent by Government on development schemes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the year 1960-61 so far?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** The amount spent on development schemes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 1960-61 (upto January 1961) was Rs. 59.25 lakhs.

**Multipurpose Schools in Punjab**

1688. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of Multipurpose Schools opened so far since the scheme started in Punjab?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. I. Shrimani):** 121.