

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (c). The Executive Board was scheduled to meet on the 13th August, 1961 to consider the matter. The decision of the Akademi has not yet been communicated to the Government.

#### Archaeological Excavations in Madras Etc.

1032. { Shri Sugandhi:  
Shri Agadi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals for Archaeological explorations in Madras, Andhra, Mysore, Maharashtra and Kerala States to be undertaken in 1961-62; and

(b) if so, the places proposed to be excavated?

**The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). The programme for explorations during 1961-62 has not yet been finalised.

#### Wheel Barrows for Removing night Soil in Punjab

1033. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has given any grants to Punjab Government for the purchase of small carts and wheel barrows for removing night soil in municipal areas; and

(b) the details of the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) Yes sir.

(b) In the Second Plan, grants were given by the Central Government to the State Governments, for assisting local bodies for the purchase of wheel barrows and handcarts for removing

night soil so as to put an end to the practice of night soil being carried by scavengers as headloads, subject to the condition that 50% of the cost of such equipment was borne by the local body concerned, whether with or without the assistance of State Governments.

#### Oil Storage Depot

1034. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge oil storage depot is proposed to be erected in North Madras;

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) whether a site for the same has been acquired?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (c). An oil installation with a storage capacity of 12,000 tonnes is proposed to be erected at Tondiarpet, Madras. A suitable site has been tentatively selected, and enquiries regarding its price etc. are being made. The cost of constructing this installation has been estimated at Rs. 30 lacs.

#### Provident Fund for Industrial Workers

1035. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many civilian employees including industrial workers who were working in Defence establishments have not received their provident fund benefits after retirement;

(b) the number of such cases on 1st June, 1961;

(c) the number of those cases which are more than a year old; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite finalisation of those cases?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) to (c). The