

Control on Chit Funds in Delhi

1210. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 438 on the 14th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any decision regarding regulation and control of chit funds in Delhi has been taken now; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). It is proposed to extend the Madras Chit Funds Act, 1961, with suitable modifications to suit the local requirements, to the Union territory of Delhi. A draft of the modifications which are necessary has recently been received from the Delhi Administration and is now under consideration.

Import of Furnace Oil

1211. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 503 on the 14th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the question of importing more furnace oil; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; arrangements have recently been completed to import additional quantities of Furnace Oil from rupee payment sources.

Archaeological Excavations by Utkal University

1212. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants had been given to the Utkal University for

conducting archaeological excavations during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, how much; and

(c) whether there was any request from the Utkal University to this effect during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Loan to Utkal University for Hostels

1213. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 535 on the 9th August, 1961 and state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed during the Second Plan period by the Utkal University with the loan of Rs. 7,50,000 given by Government of India;

(b) the total capacity which was provided in these hostels for students; and

(c) the amount of loan which has been advanced to the Utkal University during 1961-62 so far for providing increased Hostel accommodation to students?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Two hostels with capacity of 250 students are nearing completion.

(c) A proposal is under consideration for grant of loan of Rs. 3.76 lakhs for additional Hostel facilities.

Marsh Gas found in Midnapore Distt.

1214. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Steel Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Marsh