

**Minerals in Assam**

219. { Shri Swell:  
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India working jointly with the Directorate of Geology and Mining of the Government of Assam has recently reported discoveries of large deposits of various valuable minerals in the autonomous districts of Assam;

(b) if so, the names of the minerals their estimated quantities and the places of their occurrence; and

(c) whether Government have any schemes for their exploitation?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). No new discoveries were made in the investigations which were carried out jointly by the Geological Survey of India and the Directorate of Geology and Mining of the Government of Assam.

(c) Does not arise.

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२२०. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत के किस विश्वविद्यालय में सबसे अधिक विद्यार्थी एम० ए० और बी० ए० की परीक्षा में वर्ष १९६३ में अनुत्तीर्ण हुये; और

(ख) इसके क्या कारण थे ?

बैज्ञानिक अनुसन्धान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मन्त्री (श्री हुमायून् कबिर) : (क) और (ख). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और लोक सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

**Indian Science Congress**

221. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Scientific Research

and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani delegates to the Indian Science Congress withdrew without attending the deliberations of the Congress and its various Committees; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayan Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Image of Buddha at Kusinagar (Deoria)**

222. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the image of Buddha which is lying at Kasaya (Kusinagar) District Deoria, U.P. and its temple is deteriorating fast and a meeting of Buddhists of various countries assembled at Sarnath in the second week of October, 1963 requested Government to take immediate steps to protect them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): No, Sir; the temple enshrining the Mahaprinirvana image of Buddha is already a Centrally protected monument and is in a good state of preservation.

**Geological Survey**

223. Shri Balkrishna Wasnik: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any geological survey has been conducted in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. The results of the investigations con-