

- (10) Wavel;
 (11) Mehsana.

(ii) *Assam Region:*

- (1) Sibsagar;
 (2) Lakwa;
 (3) Teok.

(iii) *Ganga Plains:*

- (1) Ujhani;
 (2) Kasganj;
 (3) Tilhar;
 (4) Raxaul.

(iv) *Punjab Region:*

- (1) Jawalamukhi;
 (2) Janauri.

(v) *Cauvery Basin:*

- (1) Pattukkottai;
 (2) Karaikal.

(b) Technical and/or financial aid for the drilling work has been made available/promised by USSR, Italy and France.

(c) USSR has made available a large credit, under which the Oil & Natural Gas Commission has been obtaining drilling rigs and materials for drilling, as well as the services of technical personnel.

Italy has provided a credit, for carrying out deep drilling operations in the Ganga Plains and the Punjab, through an Italian contractor.

France has provided a credit for carrying out structural and deep drilling operations (as well as seismic work and direction and supervision of oil exploration work) in the Jaisalmer area through French contractors.

Archaeological Find at Barani Village (M.P.)

229. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pre-Asokan seal and some terracotta bear-

ing inscriptions of Buddhist stupas and sutras have been discovered in the Barani village of Datia District of Madhya Pradesh which is said to be an old pre-Asokan town; and

(b) if so, the full details and significance of the discovery?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) No Asokan or pre-Asokan seals have been discovered in or near Barauni village (which is the real name of the village). In the light of the recently explored finds, the site does not appear to be either pre-Asokan or Asokan town.

(b) Does not arise.

Study of Para-psychology

230. Shri Swell: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study of para-psychology has been started in this country on a scientific basis;

(b) the universities where the study has started and the progress made therein; and

(c) whether the Central Government have given any grants towards development of this study?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) to (c). While there is no separate Department for the study of Para-psychology in any University so far, the University Grants Commission has in principle agreed that a centre for research in Para-psychology be set up, preferably at Andhra University, as an experimental project. A detailed proposal from the University in this behalf is awaited. The Rajasthan University has, in the meantime, sent a proposal to the Commission for the setting up of a Research Institute in Para-psychology and the proposal is under examination.

2. It is understood that the Seth Sohan Lal Memorial Institute of Para-psychology at Sri Ganganagar, Rajas-