

(b) whether there is any alternative proposal to absorb surplus students in technical training institutes?

(b) They threw light on different periods from the neolithic through protohistoric and megalithic to historical periods.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No reference has yet been made to the Governments of the regions concerned.

(e) It is too early to say. Work can be started only after a decision has been taken in the matter.

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Last year, immediately after the declaration of National Emergency, it was proposed that the opening of Arts colleges should be postponed for the time being and additional requirements for admission may be met by an increase in the capacity of existing smaller colleges. This did not however constitute a directive against the establishment of new Arts colleges. Surplus students, if any, could thus be absorbed, for their attainment would not generally entitle them to admission in technical training institutes.

Zinc in Sikkim

236. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether deposits of economically exploitable zinc have been found in Eastern Sikkim by the Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the approximate quantities of the deposit; and

(c) whether exploitation of the zinc concentrates has been started?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

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

Survey of Monuments in Punjab

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

(a) whether the survey of the monuments of Punjab has since been completed;

(b) the steps taken for the preservation of the monuments; and

(c) the annual grant sanctioned for preservation keeping in view their national importance?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) No.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for the preservation of only the Centrally protected

Archaeological Excavations

235. { Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:

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

(a) the number of excavations undertaken by the Universities Research Institutes and the departments of Archaeology during 1962-63;

(b) the results achieved by those excavations;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to conduct a survey of the regions connecting the United Arab Republic and India to establish whether civilization was common to these countries;

(d) if so, whether U.A.R. Government have accepted the proposal; and

(e) when the work on this project is likely to start?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Twenty-nine excavations were undertaken in India during 1962-63.