

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

**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.

**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.

(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.

**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

monuments of which there are 136 in the Punjab. Repairs to these monuments are carried out as and when necessary.

(c) A provision of Rs. 38,150 exists in the budget of the Archæological Survey of India for the current financial year for repairs to such monuments.

#### **Social Defence (Care) Schemes in Punjab**

**238. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance was given to the Punjab Government by the Centre for the implementation of Social Defence (Care) Schemes in the State during 1962-63 and 1963-64; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandra-sekhar):** (a) Rs. 47,450 were given to the Government of Punjab during 1962-63 for Social Defence (Care) Schemes. For the year 1963-64, Rs. 80,000 have been allotted tentatively; expenditure sanction will, however, be accorded towards the end of the financial year on the basis of figures of actual expenditure incurred during the first three quarters and of estimated expenditure for the fourth quarter of the financial year 1963-64, to be received from the State Government.

(b) For 1962-63 the figures are:—

(i) Probation Services for Offenders	Rs. 29,430
(ii) Welfare Services in prisons	9,665
(iii) Protective Home	8,355
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#### **Regional Industrial Research Laboratory in Orissa**

239. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Maheswar Naik:**  
**Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj:**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a regional industrial research laboratory in Orissa;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the laboratory; and

(c) when the laboratory is expected to be set up?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (c). The setting up of a Regional Research Laboratory has been recently approved and a Planning Committee to prepare plans and programme of work as also cost estimates is being set up.

#### **Botanical Gardens**

**240. Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to establish eight more botanical gardens in the country has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the sites selected for the new gardens?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) No. There is no concrete proposal under consideration now to set up eight more botanical gardens in the country. However the question of setting up a garden in Delhi and Goa is under consideration at present.

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