

excavations at places like Banavasi of Hampi, while the other Branch at Nagpur will work in North India ;

(c) whether it is a fact that with a view to ascertaining town planning in Medieval India the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology had recommended excavation of the Hampi ruins, if so, whether the second excavation branch will take up this work as recommended in the recent seminar of the Vijayanagar History held at Hospet ; and

(d) whether the Archaeological Survey purposes to set up museums or sculpture sheds at Banavasi, Aihole and Lakkundi, if so, when are these museums going to be established ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir ; a second Excavation Branch has been sanctioned due to the large amount of excavation work in the country. It will, however, be located in Delhi and would be entrusted with the excavation work in the Purana Qila, Delhi and Mathura. The existing Excavation Branch located at Nagpur has an approved programme of excavation in the Kutch area during the current financial year. However, in the future, it is proposed to entrust it with the excavation work in South India also.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) At present there is no proposal to set up Museums at Banavasi, Aihole and Lakkundi. However, there is a proposal to construct a 'Sculpture Shed' at Aihole during the 4th Plan period.

**Demand of Foreign Exchange for
Import of Iron Sheets by
Tamil Nadu**

5339. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has asked for foreign exchange for import of iron sheets ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

However, the Government of Tamil Nadu had requested foreign exchange for import of high tensile steel wire for use in the manufacture of concrete pipes for the Veeranam Water Supply Project, and for import of mild steel rounds for Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for rural electrification schemes. Necessary foreign exchange required for these imports has been released.

**Domination of Auditing Business by
big Monopoly Houses**

5340. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some big monopoly houses are at present dominating the auditing business in the country ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to curb the monopolistic trend in the auditing business ?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) It has been brought to the notice of the Government that a small number of firms of Chartered Accountants have secured the major portion of the audit work in the corporate Sector.

(b) Details of the concentration of audit work in a few firms of Chartered Accountants are being collected in order to determine whether action, if any, is called for.

**Financial Assistance to State
Electricity Boards**

5341. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Electricity Boards have approached the nationalised banks for financial assistance to implement their schemes ;

(b) if so, the extent of assistance asked for by the Boards ; and

(c) the total assistance so far given to the Boards, in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Agricultural Finance

Corporation and the nationalised banks have together sanctioned Rs. 45,11,86,000 as loans to the State Electricity Boards. The sums disbursed so far amount to Rs. 19,79,97,081. At present, the Agricultural Finance Corporation and the nationalised banks are considering several requests from the State Electricity Boards. These amount to Rs. 37,29,50,000.

Proposal to have Son-et-Lumeire at Madurai

5342. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to arrange a Son-et-Lumeire at Madurai ; and

(b) if so, how soon the programme will be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The show is expected to be commissioned during the course of the current plan period.

Proposal to Develop Kolli Hills and Erkadu in Salem District of Tamil Nadu as Tourist Centres

5343. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Kolli Hills and Erkadu in Salem District of Tamil Nadu as Tourist Centres ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b). The Department of Tourism is not in a position to develop this area due to limitation of funds necessitating a strict order of priorities.

चम्पारन जिले में डुमारिया घाट पर नारायणी नदी पर पुल का निर्माण कार्य

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कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चम्पारन जिले में डुमारिया घाट पर नारायणी नदी पर पुल के निर्माण कार्य की अनुसूची के अनुसार प्रगति नहीं हुई है और उसकी निर्माण लागत निरन्तर बढ़ती जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार का विचार विलम्ब के कारणों का निष्कारण करने तथा पुल का निर्माण कार्य तेजी से करने का है ?

पोत परिवहन तथा परिवहन मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री इकबाल सिंह) : (क) और (ख). अनुमानतः माननीय सदस्य चम्पारन जिले में डुमारिया घाट के गंडक नदी के पुल का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। निर्माण कार्य की प्रगति नियत कार्यक्रम के अनुसार नहीं हुई है, परन्तु राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि निर्माण की लागत में काफी वृद्धि होने की सम्भावना नहीं है क्योंकि ठेका इकमुष्ट राशि के आधार पर है। विलम्ब के मुख्य कारण कठिन मृत्तिका स्तर के एक कुएं के अत्यधिक भुकाव को ठीक करने में धीमी प्रगति का होना और ठेकेदार के अपर्याप्त साधन हैं। कम्पनी के ऊपर लगातार दबाव डाला जा रहा है कि वह पुल को शीघ्र पूरा करे और पुल को शीघ्र पूरा करने के काम पर लगातार निगरानी रखी जा रही है।

मुज्जफरपुर से मोतीहारी तक राष्ट्रीय राजपथ के निर्माण में प्रयुक्त सामग्री

5345. श्री क० मि० मधुकर : क्या पोत परिवहन तथा परिवहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुज्जफरपुर से मोतीहारी तक हाल ही में निर्मित राष्ट्रीय राजपथ के निर्माण में तारकोल, कंकरीट तथा