

from other parties, completes necessary transactions, if found advantageous, after taking the advice of its Investment Committee.

(d) The total amount invested in shares and debentures of joint stock companies upto the 30th September, 1957, is about Rs. 65.71 crores. It is not possible to indicate the investments company-wise.

(e) The total sale made by the Corporation from 1-9-56 to 30-9-57 amounted to Rs 8.97 crores.

(f) and (g) The Corporation has not invested any funds in foreign firms.

Development of Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands

*94. { Shri Abdul Salam:
Shri Shivnanajappa:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development programmes proposed for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan of the Laccadive, Mimcoy and Amindivi Islands were discussed recently;

(b) if so, the nature of development programmes included; and

(c) the amount allotted for the development of these Islands under the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 24]

Excavation at Sisupalgarh, Orissa

*95. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the dates when the excavation work of Sisupalgarh in Orissa was commenced and completed by the Department of Archaeology;

(b) whether it is a fact that no final report of the excavation has been published as yet; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Excavations at Sisupalgarh were commenced in March, 1948, and continued till June that year. Another season's work was done in the financial year 1949-50.

(b) and (c). The report published in Ancient India, No. 5 (1949) is to be regarded as final report for all archaeological purposes

Survey for Precious Stones and Gold in Andhra

*96. { Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri Balrama Krishnalah:

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

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for precious stones and gold in the Districts of Anantapur and Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, with what results, and

(c) whether Government propose to pursue the matter for deeper investigation?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A preliminary reconnaissance survey was made of the Anantapur District by the Geological Survey of India in 1953-54 and again in 1956-57. No similar survey has been carried out so far in the Kurnool District. This survey did not establish the existence of diamond but only of some gold.

(c) As the prospects are not very hopeful further work will be undertaken for diamonds and gold in this area only if resources permit.