

**Discovery of Natural Gas in Assam**

\*1302. { Shri Goray:  
Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:

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

(a) whether the presence of natural gas has been discovered in the area of the recently formed Oil India Private Ltd.;

(b) the estimate of its reserves; and

(c) when can it be made available for domestic and industrial consumption?

The Minister for Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Assessment of reserves of natural gas and its utilization is still under consideration.

**Kidnapped Children**

\*1305. Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many children were kidnapped in Delhi during 1957; and

(b) how many have so far been recovered out of these?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) 115.

(b) 108.

**Banaras Hindu University**

\*1307. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Visitor of the Banaras Hindu University to enquire into the affairs of the University has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the nature of its recommendations?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrinani): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**राष्ट्रीय पंचांग**

\*१३०६. श्री आसार : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार राष्ट्रीय पंचांग को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री आसार) : एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट ६, अनुबन्ध संख्या ४५]

**UNESCO Advisory Committee on East-West Project**

\*1314. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the UNESCO's Major Project on the Mutual Appreciation of Eastern-Western Cultural Values has since been held;

(b) whether India was represented on that Committee; and

(c) the nature of decisions taken thereat?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrinani): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) Report of the meeting has not yet been received.

**Iron Scrap**

\*1316. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron scrap is being utilised in re-rolling mills; and

(b) if so, the total consumption thereof?