

श्री स्वामी : मेरे पास इस सिलसिले में कोई इतलाह इसलिए नहीं है कि आम तौर से फ़ौजी दफ़्तरों की तो किलों में ले जाने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ी क्योंकि किले बहुत तेज़ी के साथ अपने स्ट्रेटिजिक इंपारटेंस को खो रहे हैं ।

منسٹر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ

ٹیچرز ڈیسورسز اینڈ سائینٹفک

ڈیسرچ (مولانا آزاد) : گورنمنٹ کی عام

پالیسی یہ ہے کہ جو پرانی عمارتوں

نیشنل امپورٹینس کی ہیں اور جن

کی حفاظت کی جانی ہے ان کو

جہان تک ممکن ہے کسی دوسرے کام

کے لئے کام میں نہ لایا جائے -

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): The general policy of the Government is that old buildings of national importance which are sought to be protected should not be used for any other purposes as far as possible.]

EXCAVATIONS IN THE NARMADA VALLEY

*1606. Shri Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether the expenditure incurred for the work of excavation and exploration in the Narmada Valley was met by Government or private institutions?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The expenditure was met by the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Poona.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any of the officers of the Archaeological department were sent to the spot?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know. But, according to the general practice, if Research students apply for such excavations, the Archaeological department gives permission and then they make their own arrangements.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether Government are aware of any results of this excavation?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. There have been manifestations of seven distinct cultures in the excavations made there. In this connection, I may refer the hon. Member to a question put in the House on 14th April 1953.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether the results stand in any comparison with those in Harappa and Mohenjodaro?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I can express no opinion about that.

THE TAJ

*1608. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far over the repairs of the Taj since 1940-41;

(b) whether there is any Committee appointed to give guidance and check the expenditure incurred;

(c) if so, the composition and personnel of the Committee; and

(d) whether it is a fact that arrangements have been made to procure some precious stones from Pakistan to lay on the facade of the mausoleum?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Rs. 4,07,379.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

I may be allowed to add in answer to (d) that arrangements may have to be made at some future date for a particular type of stones to be imported from Pakistan.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know who gives the structural advice to the Government of India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There was a Committee which was formed in 1943 to advise the Government on these questions. As to the Structural Adviser, I will require notice to answer that question.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know if the Adviser recommended that the four Chhatris around the main dome of the Taj should be dismantled and rebuilt because they have become structurally unsound, and if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?