

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether Government's attention has been drawn to another P.T.I. message from Ootacamund dated the 17th May, 1956, saying that at Mukurti, 17 miles from here, the team sprayed on low-hanging clouds a mixture of calcium chloride and sodium chloride and 3 hours later, the village received showers of rain?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** My attention has not been drawn to that and I have not seen that in the papers. But, I may state here that this cloud-seeding trial based on the method of salt spraying is very well-known and it is tried by the dispersal of salt particles from aeroplane or by power sprays from the surface. We are also likely to take up one of these methods soon after our two scientists return from Australia. But, in the meantime, our unit in the National Physical Laboratory has been making arrangements for this cloud-seeding by sprinkling salt.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know.....

**Mr. Speaker:** This question has been asked a number of times here.

#### ADIVASI HOSTEL

**\*2383. Shri Amar Singh Damar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned for an Adivasi Hostel in village Raipuria of Jhabua District was withheld originally on complaints by public of misuse of money but Government are again proposing to disburse the amount; and

(b) whether any investigation into the public complaints of misuse of money was held and if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant):** (a) The State Government have informed that it is not a fact that a sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned for an Adivasi Hostel in village Raipuria. Sanction was,

however, accorded by the State Government for running a hostel at the approved rates according to which the Collector of Jhabua district disbursed only Rs. 1,400 for this hostel.

(b) An enquiry has been ordered by the State Government into the complaints of misuse of money. The result of the enquiry is awaited.

**श्री अमर सिंह डामर :** क्या सरकार को पता है कि कलकट्टर, झाबुआ ने पत्र क्रमांक १२६८ दिनांक १८-४-५६ के द्वारा छात्रावास से सम्बन्धित व्यक्तियों से झूठारे कांड पेश करने पर जवाब तलब किया था ?

**पंडित जी० बी० पंत :** मालूम होता है कि किया था, क्योंकि तहकीकात हो रही है ।

#### SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

**\*2384. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern Regional Committee of All India Council for Technical Education at its meeting on the 4th May, 1956 have recommended any site or sites for the location of the Southern Regional Higher Technological Institute;

(b) if so, the site or sites recommended; and

(c) the decision of Government thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). The Regional Committee has recommended that the Institute be located in Madras, but has not selected any particular site for the purpose.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know when a decision will be taken, in view of the fact that selecting a site itself has taken more than a year?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The decision may be finally taken within 3 to 6 months.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know if the Government has recommended that this Institute should be housed in the present Engineering College; and, if so, whether the Madras Government has laid down any conditions?