

Neolithic settlements traced in Darjeeling District

136. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the largest neolithic settlements of the Indian stone age has been traced at the sub-Himalayas terrain near the plateau of Kalimpong in Darjeeling District of West Bengal by the State Directorate of Archaeology during the explorations conducted in that region; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Prof. Sher Singh) (a) and (b): In the exploration conducted in 1962, in the terrain of Kalimpong, a number of neolithic celts were found. In September, 1966 the State Directorate of Archaeology, undertook an exploration in Darjeeling District, and found, among other things, a chipped neolithic handaxe. The discovery of neolithic implements in this area is not the first of its kind. However, detailed information has been called for from the State Government to determine the archaeological potentialities of the sites.

Gandhi Murder Case

137. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
Shri S. Snpakar:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a one-man Commission to go into the circumstances relating to Mahatma Gandhi's assassination; and

(b) if so, when the report of the Commission is likely to be submitted?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) and (b). A one-man Commission has been appointed by the Government to inquire into the following matters:—

(i) Whether, any persons, in particular Dr. Gajanan Viswanath Ketkar, of Poona, had prior information of the conspiracy of Nathuram Vinayak Godse and others to assassinate Mahatma Gandhi;

(ii) Whether any of such persons had communicated the said information to any authorities of the Government of Bombay or of the Government of India, in particular, whether the aforesaid Dr Ketkar had conveyed the said information to the late Bal Gangadhar Kher, the then Premier of Bombay, through the late Balukaka Kanetkar;

(iii) If so, what action was taken by the Government of Bombay, in particular by the late Bal Gangadhar Kher, and the Government of India on the basis of the said information.

The Commission is expected to make its report to the Central Government by 30th September, 1967.

Employment Exchange in Orissa

139 **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:**
Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered in the Employment Exchanges from 1961-62 to 1966-67 in Orissa (year-wise);

(b) the number of unemployed Graduates Intermediates, and Matriculates among them; and

(c) the number of the registered unemployed who were provided with jobs?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Jasukhlal Nathi):