

thereon;

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with US Government; and

(e) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARI): (a) and (b). The Government have seen some press reports in this regard but according to the information received from our Mission/Posts in the USA, there are no indications to show that Indian immigrants/visitors are increasingly being robbed of their passports or green cards.

(c) Out of the cases reported to the Indian Mission/Posts in the USA for issue of passports in lieu of lost or robbed passports, the latter category covers only a few cases. Most requests relate to misplacement or damaged passports or passports lost due to negligence.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Coca-Cola Proposal to enter India

1006. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

CH. KHURSHID AHMED:

SHRI HET RAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coca-Cola, the US soft drink giant has expressed its desire to enter India;

(b) whether Government have since received any proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government

thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such request has been received.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Study in Architectural Treasure at HAMPI

1007. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeologists have taken up a study into the architectural treasure of Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) whether they have discovered a hidden water pond, Gold Coins and many other architectural items:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Union Government to discover more secrets about Vijay Nagar Empire and the hidden architectural valuables of Hampi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the course of excavations one ornate and one simple water-tank, gold coins, gold chain, large number of architectural fragments, five lime stone slabs carved with episodes from the life of Buddha, some having Brahmi inscriptions, sculptures of pre-Vijayanagar and later style, copper coins and vessels, pottery, terra-cotta figurines, beads and other antiquities have been found.