

Excavations near Vaisali

246. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1817 on the 24th April, 1958 and state the further progress made with regard to the excavations near Vaisali in Muzaffarpur district (Bihar)?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): The excavations have since been completed. Though it is not impossible that the excavated *stupa* may have enshrined the relics of the Buddha, the available evidence does not justify a clear and categorical answer.

Teaching of Languages at Secondary Stage

247. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1947 on the 1st May, 1958 and state further progress made in implementation of the recommendations of the Central Advisory Board of Education for compulsory teaching of three languages at the secondary stage?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 93]

Revision of Gazetteers

248. { Shri M. C. Jain:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the work of revision of the various Gazetteers in different States; and

(b) when the new scheme was finalized and by what time the work is expected to be finished?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). A statement is

placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 94.]

Limestone and Dolomites Deposits in Sundergarh

249. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale deposits of limestone and Dolomite ores have been discovered in Sundergarh district in Orissa; and

(b) whether any further survey is proposed to be conducted in this area?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No new discoveries have been made. But large scale deposits of limestone and Dolomite ores are known to occur in several localities of Sundergarh district in Orissa.

(b) Not at present

Secondary Education

250. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the amount given to various States towards the uplift of secondary education during 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): 1957-58—

States	Amount granted
1. Andhra Pradesh	5,66,525
2. Assam	12,36,893
3. Bihar	5,75,000
4. Bombay	35,73,751
5. Kerala	13,73,272
6. Madhya Pradesh	16,33,250
7. Madras	33,42,900
8. Mysore	16,66,600
9. Orissa	5,55,478
10. Punjab	—
11. Rajasthan	14,94,435
12. Uttar Pradesh	22,79,999
13. West Bengal	73,89,540
14. Jammu and Kashmir	9,10,500
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