

Scientific Instruments Committee

521. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri R. C. Majhi
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri C. K. Bhattacharya:
 Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1245 on the 10th December, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Central Agency for taking further action on the report of the Scientific Instruments Committee has since been set up by Government; and

(b) if so, the constitution of the agency?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Scientific Instruments Organisation has been set up under the auspices of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

The Director of the Organisation has been appointed.

Central Advisory Committee for Libraries

522. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri R. C. Majhi:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Madhusudan Rao:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 378 on the 23rd November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the report submitted by the Central Advisory Committee for Libraries; and

(b) if so, action taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastav): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations have been analysed and have been circulated to other Ministries of the Government of India, State Governments, University Grants Commission and the Universities, for comments.

Survey of Historical Temples in Punjab

523. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1586 on the 17th December, 1959 and state the nature of progress made so far in completion of survey of the historical and ancient temples in Punjab?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): A survey of antiquarian remains on village to village basis is in progress. The work was initiated in the District of Gurdaspur and, upto December 1959, 884 villages out of a total of 1617 villages in the District were surveyed.

Electricity Meters for Defence Quarters

524. Shri Keshava: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of water taps installed and electric connections provided for the military units and military offices without proper meters;

(b) whether there are any civilians in Defence accommodation who have not been provided with meters; and

(c) how long will it take to provide a meter to every consumer?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as possible.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Action to provide meters, where necessary, is being taken and the work will be completed as early as possible.