

the Government of Orissa and will be laid on the table of the House in due course.

Memorial to Poet Surdas.

4571. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Surdas Smarak Samiti, Sihi (Gurgaon) has approached the Central Government for a grant for the construction of a suitable memorial to the famous poet; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore

4572. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for construction of quarters at Narikal Baghan, Cossipore for workers of Gun and Steel Factory, Cossipore has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for this delay?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No factory land is available at Cossipore for construction and so any plan for building quarters for workmen there would involve acquisition of land at exorbitant cost. This proposal therefore, needs detailed examination in relation to the feasibility of any alternative proposal for housing the workers near the factory.

Children's Delinquency in Delhi

4573. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether children's delinquency cases are on the increase in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to cope with children's delinquency cases in Delhi in jails and out side?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) and (b). Such cases are not on the increase. The Delhi Administration have however established Children's Homes and Remand Homes for boys and girls. A proposal to start a Juvenile Aid Bureau is also under examination.

Garden Around Gol Ghumat, Bijapur

**4575. { Shri Sugandhi:
Shri Agadi:**

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

(a) the total amount sanctioned to develop the garden around the Gol Ghumat in Bijapur City;

(b) how much has been spent during 1960-61;

(c) the amount spent on tours to bring plants and saplings from various places during the year;

(d) whether it is a fact that mostly the above plants have been brought from Agra instead of Bangalore nurseries;

(e) the expenditure incurred on the cost of plants and saplings;

(f) whether any water scarcity is being felt now-a-days for watering the saplings; and

(g) if so, what alternate arrangements are being made?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Rs. 63,480 during 1960-61.

(b) Rs. 30,782.

(c) About Rs. 200.