

tuted by the University Grants Commission to encourage teachers to undertake research works;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of teachers so far benefited by the scheme; and

(c) the nature and the duration of the research work?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2894/64].

(c) The scheme for the grant of financial assistance envisages promotion of fundamental research|learned work in Silence subjects and Humanities (including Social Sciences) in all institutions of higher learning recognised under the University Grants Commission Act.

The duration of the research work depends on each project. But a grant sanctioned under the scheme is normally to be utilized within one year of the date of payment.

Oil in Cauvery Basin

26. Shri P. Muthiah: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) the latest stage in the exploration of oil near Pattukottai and in the Cauvery basin in Madras State;

(b) whether drilling has been completed near Pattukottai; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) Drilling of the structural well near Pattukottai has been completed on reaching a depth of 839 metres. Drilling of a deep well near Karaikal will commence shortly. Seismic Survey is being continued.

(b) The well was projected to a depth of 1200 metres but due to drilling difficulties drilling had to be discontinued at 839 metres.

(c) Statigraphic information was obtained. No indication of hydrocarbons has been observed.

Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Orissa

27. Shri Mohan Nayak: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent out of the amount allotted for Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Orissa during 1963-64;

(b) the schemes on which the amount was spent; and

(c) how much unspent money was refunded to the Central Government from the above Schemes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The final figures of expenditure during 1963-64 have not yet been received from the State Government. The estimated expenditure as reported by the State Government during 1963-64 is of the order of Rs. 133.39 lakhs, as against the allotted amount of Rs. 133.10 lakhs

(b) A statement showing the schemes is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2895/64].

(c) The estimated expenditure is actually more than the allotted amount.

Literacy Survey

28. Shri Mohan Nayak: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) by what percentage literacy has increased according to the limited survey conducted in 1963 in the country; and

(b) the percentage of increase of literacy among women?