

Wastage of Sculptural Panels at Suraj Kund

1253. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ancient sculptural panels at Suraj Kund, near Delhi are being wasted ;

(b) the action being taken to preserve these panels as well as against the indifferent officials concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) There are no sculptural panels in the centrally protected monument, namely Suraj Kund masonry tank (near Delhi) in District Faridabad, Haryana. There is, however, another Suraj Kund in Meerut from where two sculptured panels were found during the course of clearance undertaken by the Meerut Development Authority. These panels have been handed over to the Meerut University and are kept in the Departmental Museum of the History & Archaeology of the Meerut University.

CBI Inquiry into National Library, Calcutta

1254. SHRI RAMKRISHAN MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that authorities of National Library, Calcutta have requested the Central Government for a C. B.I. enquiry into the affairs of Library ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir. The National Library, Calcutta how-

ever, informed the Government of India only about loss of some missing volumes of encyclopaedia etc. and have suggested for a C. B. I. enquiry in the matter.

(b) The Library authorities have lodged reports with the local police in respect of these missing volumes and the Government of India have also approached the State Government to expedite action on these reports. Matter is under investigation. Depending on the results. The question of obtaining C.B.I. assistance will be considered.

World Bank aid to National Agricultural Research Project

1255. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status of the World Bank aided National Agricultural Research Project run by the ICAR in view of its project targets/achievements, both financial and scientific ; and

(b) whether Government are aware that ICAR has surrendered over Rs. 60 crores during last four years, if so, reasons for taking rupee loan from World Bank under the National Agricultural Research Project for which hardly Rs. 5-7 crore have been spent so far ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) is being implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) from 1-1-1979 with assistance from DDA, an affiliate of the World Bank. The object of the project is to strengthen the regional research capabilities of agricultural universities. During the initial two years, the project implementation could not achieve full momentum due to the several reasons like (a) the time taken to organise detailed State-wise research review for identifying investment proposals ; (b) non-eligibility of 10 agricultural universities for participation due to non-fulfilment of certain terms and conditions