

Contents of the "Time Capsule"

*86. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: SHRI
E. R. KRISHNAN: SHRI
GURUDEV GUPTA;

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state whether the contents of the time Capsule recently dug up near the Red Fort in New Delhi have been examined by Government; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): The details of the contents of the Time Capsule have been mentioned in the report of the Committee of Members of Parliament which supervised the retrieval of the Time Capsule and certify the contents thereof. A copy of this report was laid on the Table of the House on 24th April 1978. Two of the contents—namely, 10,000 word account of the history of India from 1947 to 1972 and the Calendar of Events covering the same period—have been subject of controversy both inside and outside Parliament. Some inaccuracies, omissions and distortions noticed by Government were referred to in the statement made in the *Lok Sabha* on 10th April 1978 which has also appeared in the Press.

Programme for Promoting Adult Education undertaken by the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board

*87. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:
SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board has agreed to undertake the programme for promoting adult education in a big way;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Board has accepted the responsibility of preparing reading material required for adult education; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE: (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI): (a) to (c) It is proposed that Bureau for Promotion of Urdu should take up a programme of Adult Education for teaching Urdu. Under this programme, centres will be opened in some places for teaching Urdu to Adults. The Bureau will be doing the pilot work, and the actual work on large scale will be done through the voluntary-organisations and the State Governments. The Bureau for Promotion of Urdu will also take up preparation of the teaching material.

Supply of drinking water to Madras from (Krishna River)

*88. SHRI ERA SEZHIYAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply, to Unstarred Question 196 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th June, 1977 and state;

(a) whether any progress has been made in the proposed scheme of supplying drinking water to Madras from the Krishna river;

(b) whether any time-bound programme has been chalked out for the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) to (c) The requisite information has been called for from the Government of

Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian History and Culture Congress

♦89. DR. V. P. DUTT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recently inaugurated a conference of an organisation 'Indian History and Culture Congress' in New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are extending their patronage to this organisation; and

(c) whether Government have given any financial help to the organisation for holding the conference; if so, what amount?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi has given a grant of Rs. 5,000 to the Society for holding the Conference.

U.S. Help to Control Malaria in the Country

*90. SHRIMATI HAMIDA

HABIBULLAH: SHRI

SAWAI SINGH

SISODIA: SHRI PRAKASH

MAHRO-

TRA: SHRI GURUDEV

GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U.S.A. have offered assistance to India to control malaria in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what decision Government of India have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) USAID have informally expressed a desire to help India in the control of Malaria in this country.

(b) Details are still being worked out and it will take sometime before a decision is taken.

International Seminar on the Eve of the Silver Jubilee of the Conquest of Mount Sagarmatha (Everest)

74. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international seminar of poets, artistes, writers and historians is proposed to be held on the 'Himalayas' on the eve of the silver jubilee of the conquest of Mount Sagarmatha (Everest); and

(b) whether Government propose to restore the Indian name 'Mount Sagarmatha' to the Mount Everest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under Central Government's consideration.

Redevelopment Schemes in New Delhi

75. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: SHRI PIARE LALL KUREEL URF PIARE LALL TALIB:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND RE-HABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Delhi Municipal Committee has refused to sanction new building plans in and around the Connaught Place area in New Delhi;