

**Damage to Red Fort in Delhi due to
toaj dust emanating from the
Indraprastha Power Station**

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

(a) whether Government are aware
that the Red Fort in Delhi is fast los-
ing its luster, because of the air pol-
lution caused by coal dust emanating
from the Indraprastha Power Sta-
tion; and

(b) if so, what preventive mea-
sures Government have taken in
this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-
DER): (a) and (b) The Government
is seized of the problems created by
air pollution caused by emissions from
the Indraprastha Thermal Power
Station. This station emits large
volume of soot and smoke, part of
which gets deposited on the marble
work inside the Fort. The Archaeolo-
gical Survey of India is taking steps
to preserve the monuments in the
neighbourhood. These are periodically
cleaned with chemicals, and the ac-
cretionary deposits are removed from
the surface of the stones. After
cleaning the marble surfaces, a coat
of preservative is applied for protec-
tion against the pollution.

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**Archaeological finds in Adilabad Fort-
near Delhi**

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KAR ADIVAREKAR: Will the Minis-
ter of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WEL-
FARE AND CULTURE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two
solid gold necklaces were recently
found from the archaeological ruins
of the Adilabad fort near Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details
thereof; and

(c) whether the necklaces are being
disposed of or are proposed to be
preserved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-
DER): (a) to (c) Two solid gold tor-
ques were discovered during clear-
ance excavations on the outer side
of the northern bastion of the fort
wall at Adilabad, Delhi. The torques
are decorated with diamond, floral
and fish-scale incised designs. One of
these bears *Devanagari* letters which
possibly refer to the weight of the
object. The torques are preserved by
the Archaeological Survey of India.

**Conversion of lease-hold plots into
Free-hold plots in Delhi**

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SHRI CHARANJIT
CHANANA:
SHRI L. R. NAIK:

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

(a) whether Government propose
to convert all lease plots into free-
hold plots in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of
such plots converted into free-hold
plots in Delhi during 1977 and so far
during 1978; and