

prepared during the term of the previous Commission are under study of the re-constituted Commission. Several other Acts are also under study.]

DEPOSITS OF FLUORITE AT AMBA DUNGAON

*277. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rich deposit of pure fluorite has been found at Amba Dungaon about 10 miles from Chota-Udaypur in Baroda district by the Geological Survey of India; and

(b) if so, whether exploratory efforts are being made for detailed investigation?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Arrangements are being made for carrying out exploration by drilling and the work will commence shortly.

NEW BUILDING FOR THE MUSEUM AT VAISHALI

*278. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned the construction of a new building for a Museum at Vaishali, the ancient seat of Lichchavi Kings, at a distance of 23 miles from Mujaffar in Bihar at a cost of Rs. 2,80,000; and

(b) if so, how the site was selected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The site was selected because of its proximity to the ancient site

and because of its being placed on an elevated piece of land.

EXPLORATION OF OIL IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

*279. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to refer to page 11 of the Annual Report of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for 1959-60, with particular reference to the geological surveys in Jammu and Kashmir, and state:

(a) what further steps have been taken in regard to oil exploration in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what are the results of the exploratory steps so far taken; and

(c) whether there is a possibility of any drilling operations being carried out in that State in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Geological mapping has been continued.

(b) and (c). Surface mapping indicates the existence of an anticline in the foothills which has to be further investigated by Geophysical methods before its oil and gas potential can be tested by deep drilling. The question of drilling can be taken up after geophysical studies are completed.

I.A.S. AND I.P.S. OFFICERS SUSPENDED IN CONNECTION WITH ASSAM RIOTS

*280. SHRI P. C. MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many I.A.S. and I.P.S. Officers were suspended in connection with the Assam riots of 1960;

(b) whether inquiries into the charges against them have been completed;

(c) whether inquiries, if any, were conducted by the Officers appointed