

it more than once in this House as well as in the other.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that these are Councils of a special type, may I know whether the Trade Union Organisations and the Employees' Associations have been consulted in the matter and, if so, what reaction they have given to the proposal and whether they have made any suggestions?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: The proposals have not yet been even tentatively finalised but there are some recognised unions and some have been derecognised. I think the hon. Member is referring to the recognised unions only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RESIDENT DIRECTOR OF THE ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

*214. **SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Resident Director of the Rourkela Steel Plant has tendered his resignation, and if so, whether he has given any reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): The Resident Director, Rourkela, desired to leave the service of Hindustan Steel for personal reasons and did so by giving the required notice under the terms of his contract of employment.

ADDITIONAL FREIGHT OF RS. 40 PER TON FOR SOVIET TANKER FOR DELIVERING CARGO AT COCHIN

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of Rs. 40.00 per ton as additional freight for delivering the cargo at Cochin has been agreed to by the Indian Oil Company for payment to the Russian tanker for diverting it from Bombay as appeared in the issue of the 'Statesman' of 14th November, 1960; and

(b) if so, what are the circumstances under which such payment was agreed to?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Indian Oil Company received its first tanker of High Speed Diesel Oil from U.S.S.R. towards the end of August 1960. This oil was discharged in the two tanks at Bombay which the Company had acquired from the Army. The second tanker, carrying Kerosene from U.S.S.R., reached Bombay on 7-11-60. To create ullage for the incoming Kerosene at Bombay, the Company decided to transfer approximately 3,600 tons of H.S.D. from one of the tanks at Bombay to its tank at Cochin which is the main port for supply of petroleum products to Kerala State and adjoining areas. Charter hire payable to the Russian tanker for transport of H.S.D. Stock from Bombay to Cochin has been agreed to be worked out on the basis of the usual charter hire for the coastal tanker of the Government of India. Press story in this regard was not wholly correct on facts.

मेरठ में विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना

*२२२. **श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान:** क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने मेरठ में विश्वविद्यालय खोले जाने के बारे में सहमति दे दी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो आयोग द्वारा इस कार्य के लिये क्या क्या सहायता दी जायेगी ?

†[SETTING UP OF A UNIVERSITY AT MEERUT]

*222. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has agreed to the setting up of a University at Meerut; and

(b) if so, what assistance will be given by the Commission for the purpose?]

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली):

(क) जी हाँ।

(ख) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग नये विश्वविद्यालयों की स्थापना के लिए अनुदान स्वीकृत नहीं करता है।

[THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University Grants Commission does not sanction grants for the establishment of new universities.]

प्रसिद्ध हिन्दी उपन्यासकार श्री प्रेमचन्द के स्मारक का उनके जन्म स्थान पर निर्माण

*२२३. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को सूचना है कि बनारस जिले में प्रसिद्ध हिन्दी उपन्यासकार श्री प्रेमचन्द की स्मृति में उनके जन्म स्थान ग्राम लमही में बनाये जा रहे स्मारक का काम वनाभाव के कारण बन्द हो गया है और क्या भारत सरकार से इस सम्बन्ध में कोई सहायता मांगी गई थी और यदि हाँ, तो क्या सहायता मांगी गई थी; और

(ख) इस स्मारक के निर्माण के लिये भारत सरकार ने कितनी सहायता दी है या देने का इरादा रखती है ?

†[CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL OF SHRI PREM CHAND, A FAMOUS HINDI NOVELIST, AT HIS BIRTH PLACE]

*223. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that the construction work of the memorial which is being erected in the memory of the famous Hindi novelist—Shri Prem Chand, at his birth place, Lamhi village in the District of Banaras, is held up for want of funds and whether any assistance was sought from the Government of India in this connection and if so, what assistance was sought for; and

(b) what assistance Government of India have given or propose to give for the construction of the memorial?]

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक कार्य

उपमंत्री (डा० मनमोहन दास): (क)

भारत सरकार को यह नहीं मालूम कि श्री प्रेमचन्द के स्मारक बनाने का काम रुक गया है। नागरी प्रचारिणी सभा से ७५,००० रुपये की वित्तीय सहायता के लिये प्रार्थना आई है।

(ख) अभी तक कोई सहायता नहीं दी गई और प्रस्ताव पर विचार हो रहा है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) The Government of India are not aware that the construction work of the memorial of Shri Prem Chand has been held up. A request has been received for financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 from the Nagri Pracharni Sabha.

(b) No assistance has been given so far and the proposal is under consideration.]