

with the object of discussing problems and difficulties arising in the day-to-day working of the various programmes of the Central Social Welfare Board, finding remedies for them and devising methods for more effective working. The decisions taken thereat are for the guidance of the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards and Project Implementing Committees. The minutes of the meeting held in March, 1960 have not yet been finalised by the Board.

FRENCH AIRCRAFT CRASH NEAR BANARAS AERODROME

*84. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a French aircraft which crashed at the Banaras Aerodrome on 23rd March, 1960 carried three French nationals and large quantities of gold bullion and jewellery;

(b) if so, where did these persons come from and where were they proceeding to; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any investigation about their bonafides and the method by which these persons entered into India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes Sir. A French Aircraft which crashed at the Banaras Aerodrome on 23rd March, 1960, had on board three French Nationals. From the wreck of the plane, 13 pieces of gold weighing 421.5 tolas, valued at about Rs. 54,000, one piece of sapphire along with a few trinkets were found.

(b) These persons arrived at Palam from Paris via Karachi and their papers showed that they were bound for Tokyo via Calcutta and Hongkong.

(c) They arrived in a private owned plane. Investigations about the bonafides of their visit are still in progress.

SHIFTING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF DELHI UNIVERSITY

*85. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to shift some of the departments of the Delhi University from Old Delhi to New Delhi;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the departments to be shifted and where they will be shifted; and

(c) whether it is proposed to construct new buildings to house these departments?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(DR. K. L. SHREIMALI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

OIL EXPLORATION IN INDIA

*86. SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently brought out a booklet entitled 'Oil Prospects in India' which has been widely circulated in foreign countries;

(b) the number and details of the proposals that have been received from foreign oil explorers to join the quest for oil in India;

(c) the names of the Indian parties that have submitted proposals in this connection; and

(d) what is Government's decision on those proposals?

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

(b) and (c) Expressions of interest have been received from Indian companies, as well as foreign oil companies. At this stage, it will be pre-