

RELICS OF INDIAN SETTLERS FOUND IN  
MALAYA

281. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the relics of Indian settlers recently discovered at Kota Kuala Muda in Central Kedah State, north-west of Malaya; and

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to gather full details of those relics for the information and study of Indian scholars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) A news item in newspapers to this effect has come to the notice of Government.

(b) No, Sir.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LOANS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTELS FOR  
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

282. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state whether any applications or proposals for grant of loans for the construction of hostels for colleges and schools have been invited in pursuance of the relevant scheme under the Second Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): Yes, Sir.

GRANT OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO  
TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING  
INSTITUTIONS

283. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of interest-free loans granted to the various technical and engineering institutions for con-

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struction of students' hostels during 1956-57; and

(b) the number of non-Government institutions that were granted those loans?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) Rs. 42,94,027 for 24 institutions.

(b) 16.

EXPANSION OF DELHI POLYTECHNIC,  
DELHI

284. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to refer to page 47 of the Report of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research for 1956-57 and state:

(a) whether Government have since accorded their approval to the expansion scheme of the Delhi Polytechnic drawn up by the Governing Body of the Institute under the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what is the cost of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). The scheme is under consideration. In the meanwhile, Government have approved the institution of Degree and National Certificate Courses in Civil Engineering in the Polytechnic.

The total cost of the scheme is Rs. 136.73 lakhs on buildings and equipment and Rs. 12.70 lakhs per annum ultimate recurring on additional staff etc. The expenditure during the current plan period is, however, proposed to be limited to Rs. 80 lakhs which amount has been provided in the plan.

DEPARTMENTAL PUNISHMENT DUE TO  
INVESTIGATIONS BY THE SPECIAL  
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT

285. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of cases