

Rs. 32,000 recurring for the development of this observatory. Is that all the information that the hon. Member want? Does he want to know about Delhi also?

SHRI KISHEN CHAND : Yes.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Another centre at the Delhi University is encouraged to develop facilities in theoretical astronomy or astrophysics, and the Commission has agreed to give a ceiling non-recurring grant of Rs. 9,20,000 and a ceiling recurring grant of Rs. 20,000 per annum.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND : Regarding the third part of my question as to what arrangements have been made for getting suitable professors, the hon. Minister has not given any answer. Sir, there is no fun in setting up these observatories without making proper arrangements for teaching. May I therefore know, what kind of professors are going to be appointed?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Well, Sir, according to the Second Five-Year Plan, these two centres are going to be established where training facilities will be provided, and I hope people who have experience and ability and who are able to understand and teach the subject will be appointed by the Universities. The question of further development of the subjects in other Universities will arise only after the proper personnel has been prepared during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : May I know if there is any proposal to start studies in astronomy and meteorology at Ujjain?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Well, Sir, the Statement which I have placed before the House gives all the information that is available on this subject. I do not think there is any proposal with regard to Ujjain. But I shall need notice for that matter.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : May I know if there is any proposal to establish an observatory at Ujjain?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Sir, this is not a question of setting up an observatory. My hon. friend is entirely misunderstanding the whole question. It is only a question of providing facilities at the Universities, of giving training facilities for astronomy.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : Sir, my point was this. Is that place, where an observatory is already there and where another modern observatory is going to be established, not a suitable place for giving such training, especially in view of the fact that that place has been a centre of astronomical studies for all these centuries?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : My hon. friend is fully aware that at Ujjain, the University has still to come into existence, and therefore the question of providing these facilities does not arise at all.

DR. P. C. MITRA : May I know the names of the institutions which are giving education in these two branches of studies?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That information has been put down in the Statement. The whole list is there in the Statement.

CENTRAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL LIBRARY

*484. **DR. RAGHUBIR SINH :** Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, during the rains in the second week of July 1956, any damage was caused to the books in the Central Archaeological Library due to the water seeping through its roofs; and

(b) if so, what are the exact details of this incident and what is the exact extent of the damage thus caused to the Library?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It rained heavily in the afternoon of the 17th July 1956, and water oozed down at three different points from the ceiling, affecting three stacks in the verandah.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir may I know when this particular house was last repaired, and also whether there have been cases of such seeping of water previously also?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, this building was built during the last World War and the soldiers used to live there, and every year, Sir, it is being repaired.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir, he has not answered my question as to whether there have been any cases of seeping of water before.

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There have been such cases, but in those times, they did not damage the books.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir, may I know whether the hon. Minister thinks that when there is any leakage, it will not damage the books?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There might be some leakage, but proper precautions have been taken in those cases and the books were not damaged in those cases. But on that particular day, there was heavy rain and there was a blast coming from outside carrying rain, and so these open stacks—they were not almirahs—containing books got wet.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know how much is the damage caused?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, as a result of that heavy rain, 270 books were drenched, but were taken out immediately and removed to a safer place to dry out. Out of that number, 14 books were damaged causing disintegration of their original binding. Some of these have already been rebound, but that drenching would certainly shorten their life.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, how many of these are rare books which cannot be replaced?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There is not a single rare book. All of them are our own publications.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: It seems that the house leaks every year during the rains. May I know why the Library was placed there and not shifted from that place to a better place?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, this is a handicap from which the whole Government of India's Secretariat is suffering. Our departments are expanding like anything, and our new buildings are coming up. But the supply of accommodation cannot cope with the demand which is daily growing.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Are we to understand, Sir, that because of that handicap, valuable books will be damaged and lost in that way?

(No reply)

SHRI B. B. SHARMA: Are not our new buildings also being erected as badly as the former ones?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Perhaps that question may profitably be put to the hon. Minister for Works, Housing and Supply.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Why not a good portion of this Library be sent to some other State? Why should you concentrate the whole of the Library in Delhi? There are so many other capitals of princely States and of the States which are now going to be merged.

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, first of all, that is only a suggestion.

OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS IN THE CENTRAL FIELD

*485. **DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to refer to page 2 of the Report of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, 1955-56 and state:

(a) the number of objections in the Central field which remained undisposed at the end of June, 1956, and their year-wise break-up; and

(b) the special steps that have been taken to bring greater urgency in their treatment during the first six months of 1956, and the results thereof?