

A proposal for the installation of a special equipment for manufacturing Fog Signals for the Railways is, however, under consideration. The estimated cost of the special equipment would be about Rs. 25,000.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know the approximate total worth of all the articles so produced in Ordnance Factories for the Railways?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: The cost of the things which are not required for the Armed Forces and indents for which have been obtained from various other Ministries, amounted to:

Rs. 80 lakhs in 1952-53

Rs. 189 lakhs in 1953-54

Rs. 393 lakhs in 1954-55

Rs. 280 lakhs in 1955-56.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, from what year all these items for the Railways are being produced by the Ordnance Factories?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: It is only since the last two or three years that we have taken over this type of work.

SHALIMAR GARDEN AND SHEESH MAHAL  
NEAR DELHI

\*411. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of the remnants of the Shalimar Garden and Sheesh Mahal, built by Shah Jahan, at Haidarpur near Delhi;

(b) whether any of these are protected monuments or sites;

(c) if so, whether the Department of Archaeology had ever put any plaque there to that effect; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government have any proposal to declare either of these as protected monuments or sites?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) The matter is under consideration.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, when this matter was brought to the notice of the Archaeological Department?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: What matter?

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: The question of the existence of this garden and Sheesh Mahal.

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: The existence was known from the earliest times.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Then, Sir, may I know for how many years the question of declaring it as a protected monument or site has been under consideration?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: The proposal was first taken up in 1940.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, how many more decades the Ministry is going to take before it makes up its mind in this respect?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They cannot say.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: He has already taken more than a decade. He says he has. . . .

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Our difficulty has been that the monument consisted of the gardens and the building itself. So far as the gardens are concerned, nothing remains, but the whole garden have been developed into orchards. So far as the particular building is concerned, it is in such a dilapidated condition that all its archaeological value has gone, except only a few paintings on the wall of floral designs. Now, the compensation that we have to pay for this will be very high and moreover for renovating the building we have to spend at least one lakh rupees. We are thinking whether this expenditure of one lakh rupees or more will be worth incurring in taking over this monument.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the department is waiting for the happy day when this whole thing will resolve itself and they will have nothing to worry about.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If they wait for some decades, there will be no problem left. That is what he says.