

BIRTHDAY CENTENARY OF LOKAMANYA TILAK

*399. SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARER-KAR: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate the Birthday Centenary of Lokamanya Tilak;

(b) if so, what programme is contemplated for such celebration; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a suitable memorial to Lokamanya Tilak in the Central Hall of the Parliament House?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) and (b). Arrangements for the celebration of the Birthday Centenary of Lokamanya Tilak are being made by the Tilak Centenary Central Committee. Government also propose to celebrate this day as one of national importance by declaring it a public holiday, by the issue of Lokamanya Tilak Commemoration Postal Stamps and by the production of a documentary film and adequate radio coverage.

(c) The Central Hall of Parliament House is under the control of the Parliament Secretariat and falls outside the purview of Government.

MONUMENTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

*400. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the answer given to my Starred Question No. 167 on the 9th May 1956 and state:

(a) the names of the 41 ancient monuments and archæological sites in the Jammu and Kashmir State that are being taken over by the Government of India;

(b) the terms on which they are being taken over; and

(c) the additional staff that will be needed for the protection and preservation of those monuments and sites?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House showing the names of 51 ancient monuments and sites in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, which are under consideration for inclusion in the list of monuments and sites declared to be of national importance. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 73.]

(b) and (c). These are still under consideration.

TRAINING INSTITUTIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

(a) the names of training institutions for secondary school teachers which have so far been included in the programme of technical assistance and instructional equipment to be made available under the agreement with the United States Technical Cooperation Mission in India; and

(b) the type and the extent of assistance that is proposed to be given to these institutions under that agreement?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 74.]

PRESERVATION OF THE GOMATESWARA STATUE

*402. SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a crane of the Archæological Department had recently fallen on the statue of Shri Gomateswara in the State of Mysore; if so, what was the damage caused to the statue;