

report. When his report is received, a decision will be taken as to whether it should be declared a protected monument.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : जब यह प्रश्न गया उसके बाद फॉर्गन ही क्या सुप्रिटेण्डेंट महोदय उसको देखने के लिए नहीं गये ? पुरानी दिल्ली यहां पर नजदीक ही है, तो फिर क्या कारण है कि फॉर्गन निरीक्षण करके रिपोर्ट नहीं दी गई ?

डा० क० एल० श्रीमाली : रिपोर्ट मांगी गई है और उस पर कुछ वक्त लग सकता है। रिपोर्ट आने पर कार्यवाही की जायगी।

डा० रघुबीर सिंह : यह रिपोर्ट कब मांगी गई ?

डा० क० एल० श्रीमाली : उसकी इत्तिला में अभी नहीं दे सकता।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : सरकार क्या आधार सोच रही है कि किस तरह की रिपोर्ट आये तो उसको सुरक्षित स्मारकों में शुमार किया जायगा और किस तरह की रिपोर्ट न आये तो उसको सुरक्षित स्मारकों में शुमार नहीं किया जायगा ?

डा० क० एल० श्रीमाली : जी हां, रिपोर्ट के आने पर यह विचार किया जायगा कि उसको सुरक्षित मानुमेंट रखा जाय या न रखा जाय। मानुमेंट की हालत के ऊपर और उसकी इमारतों के ऊपर सारी सिफारिशें अब सीविल सुपरिटेण्डेंट करेंगे, उसके बाद सरकार निर्णय कर लेंगी।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : मिर्जा गालिब एक बहुत बड़ा कवि हुये हैं, क्या इस बात को सरकार नहीं जानती है ? यदि जानती है, तो इस रिपोर्ट की क्या जरूरत है ?

डा० क० एल० श्रीमाली : मिर्जा गालिब के बारे में जानते हैं, लेकिन इमारत की क्या हालत है उसके बारे में नहीं जानते हैं।

#### SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND GOODS FROM ARAB DHOWS OFF VENGURLA

\*255. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gold and other contraband goods seized recently from the motorised Arab dhows Na j ib and Nagim off the Vengurla coast;

(b) the description of the contraband goods seized; and

(c) whether the smugglers have been apprehended?

THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND DEFENCE EXPENDITURE (SHRI A. C. GUHA): (a) and (b). A large quantity of gold and other contraband goods believed to be intended to be smuggled into India through Goa was recently seized from two Arab dhows, Na j ib and Nagim near Vengurla within the Indian territorial waters; gold weighing about 32,580 tolas, one motor car, 830 Jags of foodgrains, 200 boxes of coffee, 12 Italian carpets and 5 woollen rugs were seized from these.

(c) Yes, Sir.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know, Sir, from where these dhows Najib and Nagim came and where they were bound for?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I think they were coming from Kuwait from the Persian Gulf and they were bound somewhere for Marmagao or Goa.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, is it not a fact that they also found a Morris car?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: As already stated there was one motor-car. I am not sure whether it was Morris or any other make.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Was it a new car?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have no information at present.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know, Sir, whether any Indians have been arrested in this case?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I do not think. These dhows were apprehended in the Indian Ocean. So, I think, these could not have come in contact with any Indian territory.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the gold that was found in these two dhows Najib and Nagim bore any foreign marks? If so, which country's marks were on that gold.

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have already stated that these dhows were coming from Kuwait. If there was any foreign mark it must have been from that territory.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: I understand, the gold was marked with foreign markings. I would like to know which foreign marks were they?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have no information at present.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether any prosecutions were launched in this regard?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I think those men have been prosecuted for the violation of the Passport Regulation.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Was any prosecution launched for smuggling gold?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: That action has not yet been taken because it involves some legal question. If the prosecution is launched before confiscating the gold then the gold will not come to us, but to the State government. We shall confiscate the gold, then we shall see what action will be taken.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is it a fact that they were also smuggling foreign exchange?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: Gold is the foreign exchange. That also comes under the scope of Foreign Exchange Regulation.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that the police investigation shows that the gold was to be smuggled into Bombay?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have no information.

SHRI M. M. SUR: Do these boats come on several occasions or they came on one occasion only?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: The dhows are usually coming to the western coasts of India. There too they must be coming on previous occasions but they have been apprehended this time.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: How many Arabs have been taken into custody from these two boats?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have not got exact number, but I think there must be nine or ten or more than that.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: What is their nationality?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I presume they must all be Arabs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Presumptions are not asked for. Either you say you know or say you do not know.

SHRI A. C. GUHA: The boats were coming from Arab coast. So it is presumed they were all Arabs. I can only use my commonsense.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is presumed.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: The answer to one of my questions was that they were not prosecuted for smuggling gold. May I know whether Government are considering to prosecute them under Foreign Exchange Regulations?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: I have already stated that after the gold is confiscated after proper adjudication we shall see what action can we take under Foreign Exchange Regulation.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: The hon. Deputy Minister says that the gold is not confiscated. Is it not confiscated yet?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: The gold has \*been seized. After a process of adjudication they will be prosecuted. We cannot confiscate it immediately. There is some adjudication procedure to be gone through as a formality. Still that is the procedure. We cannot dispense with that. I can assure the hon. Member that there is 99.9 per cent, chance that the gold will be confiscated.

SHRI GULSHER AHMED: In what country were the boats registered?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: The boats have been seized but we are not sure whether the present provisions of the Sea Customs Act will entitle us to confiscate them. Since they were coming from Kuwait, they must have been registered in Kuwait.

#### ^EXPEDITION OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA TO LADAKH

•256. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for NATURAL "RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether a party of officers of the Geological Survey of India led an expedition to Ladakh for the purpose of conducting a survey; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the survey?

THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA?: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The results of the investigations are not yet available.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the team has not made any report?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Sir, the team has returned but it is still examining the report with the help of the G.S.I. An area of 2,000 sq. miles

was geologically examined in Ladakh. The party crossed the high Ladakh range and examined the whole of the Nubra and part of the Shyok Valleys in the Karakoram mountains. Some mineral deposits were examined. Palaeontological, petrological and chemical examinations of the samples gathered will take 4 to 6 months to be completed.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if they have also reported whether the conditions there are favourable or not for exploitation in that area?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: That stage has not yet reached.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether they have fixed the geophysical age of the valley they surveyed?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: We are still waiting for the assessment of their report.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know, Sir, whether there are any foreign experts in that party?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: No.

#### UNESCO SEMINAR ON LIBRAIUK

♦257. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many countries participated in UNESCO Seminar on libraries held recently in India; and

(b) the conclusions, if any, arrived at in the Seminar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Twelve countries.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XI, Annexure No. 56.]

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, who led the delegation?