

## RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 19th September 1955

The House met at eleven of the clock,  
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS**

**UNESCO EXHIBITION OF THE  
REPRODUCTIONS OF DRAWINGS OF  
LEONARDO DA VINCI**

\*491. SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the price paid by Government for the purchase of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Exhibition of Reproductions of Drawings of Leonardo da Vinci;

(b) where the Reproductions, so purchased, are housed;

(c) whether they have been circulated to educational institutions, and if so, to which institutions; and

(d) what is the procedure laid down for such circulation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Rs. 1286.

(b) National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.

(c) Not yet.

(d) The procedure will be laid down by the Lalit Kala Akadami which has agreed to circulate the Exhibition.

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: How many pictures are there?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I do not have the exact number of paintings.

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Is there any Committee to advise the Government on such matters?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir. This collection was purchased from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and the Ministry of Education took the responsibility for purchasing it.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: I suppose Government would purchase in course of time the paintings of other great artists?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: That matter can always be considered.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: How many other countries have, to the knowledge of the hon. Minister, collections of these paintings which are not the original but reproductions?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This was a special collection of reproductions of the drawings of Leonardo da Vinci. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation offered these to us for circulation. This was done. Later on, the Ministry thought that it would be useful to have this collection for our country and, therefore, this collection was purchased and now, it is proposed to circulate it to the educational institutions.

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: When do the Government propose to circulate this? Were these pictures circulated throughout India before?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, they have been circulated in the various cities like Bombay Baroda, Delhi, Lucknow, Patna, Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad. Now we are asking the Lalit Kala Akadami to circulate these paintings to the educational institutions.

**TOUR OF THE MINISTER FOR  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO RUSSIA AND  
OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

\*492. SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Natural Resources is going to Russia and other European countries to study oil installations there; and

(b) if so, whether he intends to secure technical personnel from those countries for the purpose of organising prospecting work in this country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). The fact is that a delegation headed by Shri K. D. Malaviya, Minister for Natural Resources with a technical team of officers left for tour of U.S.S.R. and other European countries on the 4th September, 1955. The object of the delegation is to study in U.S.S.R. and other European countries their organisation, methods, techniques, rules and regulations, and ascertain the availability of facilities for training and research and manufacture of tools and equipment in connection with mineral and oil exploration. The Minister for Natural Resources will also explore the possibility of securing technical personnel from these countries with a view to organising oil prospecting work in India.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India have entered into negotiations with any company for oil prospecting in India?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir, they have entered into negotiations with several companies.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: After having entered into negotiations, may I know if the Government of India are thinking of setting up their own oil prospecting work in any part of India?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, that is so. The policy of the Government of India is to take up this work themselves as far as possible.

SHRI SHRIYANS PRASAD JAIN: When are they going to take up this work themselves?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I shall require notice.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: I had asked the hon. Minister, when the Government of India have given the operation of oil prospecting all over India to a company, what is the possibility of the exploration being done by them.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: There is no question of - giving that right to any company to prospect all over India. In certain limited fields, prospecting is being done by the companies. Now, it is proposed to take up the work as far as possible by the Natural Resources and Scientific Research Ministry itself.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is it a fact that, according to present practice of prospecting, the J licence leads ultimately without any further formality to licence for working the fields or mines?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir. With every company, there is a definite agreement which has to be entered into and this is done with certain definite set rules.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research will consider the possibility of training people in refining methods?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir. That question will be considered.

#### NEW COAL DEPOSITS IN RAJASTHAN

\*493. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new deposits of coal have been found in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what is the estimated reserve of this deposit; and

(c) in which area this deposit has been discovered?'