

organisations, some of which are called 'Senas' have come into being during the last three years. Some of them have a regional or communal bias. Government have no information about foreign financial assistance to any of these organisations. Government keep a close watch on their activities and appropriate action under the law is taken as and when necessary.

ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEW COMMITTEE

505. PROF. SAIYID NURUL HASAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to State :

(a) the decision which Government have taken on the report of the Archaeology Review Committee; and

(b) what steps have been taken, or are proposed to be taken, to implement the recommendations accepted by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) A number of recommendations of the Committee had been accepted for implementation but, with the exception of a few, it has not been possible to implement them so far due to financial limitations.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

506. PROF. SAIYID NURUL HASAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the functions of the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) whether Government have modified the functions of the Survey recently; and

(c) if so, what are the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The functions of the Archaeological Survey of India are as follows :—

(1) Preservation of Monuments—

- (a) Structural repairs
- (b) Preparation of Survey Plans of monuments
- (c) Chemical preservation
- (d) Maintenance of gardens.

(2) Research and Publication—

- (a) Explorations and Excavations

- (b) Epigraphy and Numismatics
- (c) Environmental Archaeology
- (d) Architectural Survey
- (e) Preparation of Archaeological atlas
- (f) Survey of Antiquities
- (g) Publication of (i) Ancient India bulletin of the Archaeological Survey of India; (ii) Annual Report of Indian Epigraphy; (Hi) Epigraphia Indica (iv) Epigraphia Indica—Arabic and Persian Supplement; (v) Indian Archaeology—A Review; (vi) Guide Books; (vii) Memoirs; and (viii) Picture Post Cards.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

“कास्टेशिया”

507. श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या “कास्टेशिया” नामक संस्था का कोई अधिवेशन भारत में होने वाला है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर कितना खर्च होने की आशा है; और

(ग) प्रस्तावित अधिवेशन का क्या उद्देश्य है ?

CASTASIA

507. SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any session of an institution called "Castasia" is going to be held shortly in India;

(b) if so, what is the amount of expenditure expected to be incurred on it; and

(c) what is the object of the proposed session?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० त्रिगुण सेन) : (क) जी हां, एशिया के विकास हेतु विज्ञान तथा शिल्पविज्ञान के अनुप्रयोग पर एक अन्तर-

†[] English translation.