

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The foreign exchange involvement of the Jaisalmer project will be met out of the credit that has been agreed to by the French Government.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether the French Petroleum Institute will start these operations only in the Jaisalmer area or in other parts of Rajasthan also?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Only in the Jaisalmer area

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether, as a result of the surveys and explorations so far made, the Minister could say that the findings have been encouraging enough for further prospecting in this area?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. The results are encouraging enough to let us go ahead with further prospecting work.

श्री ५० ला० बाबूपाल : मैंने यह सुना है कि जैसलमेर के झलावा बीकानेर जिले के पूंगल क्षेत्र में भी पेट्रोल निकलने की संभावना है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस संबंध में कुछ कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस का जबाब उन्होंने दे दिया है कि यह सिर्फ जैसलमेर के बारे में है।

Payment to Laxmi Bank and Palai Bank Depositors

*359. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether all depositors of Palai and Laxmi Banks have since been paid; and

(b) if not, total number of those who are still to be paid?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). All the depositors of the Palai Central Bank have been paid the initial preferential payment upto

Rs. 250 and the first dividend at 40 per cent. of the balance due to them. The unclaimed amounts have been remitted to the Reserve Bank for credit to the companies liquidation account. In the case of the Laxmi Bank, payment of the initial preferential dividend upto Rs. 250 has been made to the savings bank depositors numbering 17,538 and this payment has now been completed. Payments to the other preferential depositors are expected to start from 27th August, 1962.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon Minister stated that the amounts which have not been claimed by anyone have been deposited in the Reserve Bank. I want to know the number of such claims.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: I do not have that number.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know what steps have been taken to inform the depositors about this?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: All usual steps are taken. It was publicised and the whole country knows about it. I think if the claimants are there, they would claim it.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: May I know whether the Government will take any steps to force the directors of the Palai Bank to pay back the amounts which they have misappropriated?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Steps are being taken in that direction.

Dr. M. S. Aney: May I know the number of depositors of the Laxmi Bank who have not been paid and what is the total amount involved?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Regarding Laxmi Bank, the total number of depositors is 40,000 of which 17,538 are small depositors, and they have been paid. For the rest, the payment will start from the 27th of this month. As for the amount due to them, I do not have that figure.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know by what time the depositors are sup-

posed to receive in full or almost in full the amount they have deposited?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It depends on the assets that we are able to realise all the assets, we may be able to pay a large percentage, but I do not think it would be possible.

Shri Ravindra Varma: In the last session figures of the amounts realised from the sale of the movable and immovable property of the Palai Bank were given to the House. May I know whether subsequently any further amount has been realised and whether there is any possibility of a further dividend being paid to the depositors?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: So far we have realised Rs. 6,11,31,959. Almost the entire movable property has been realised and most of the immovable properties have been sold. A small part of the immovable property remains. But the realisation of the loans given by this Bank has not yet been successful and efforts will be made to realise them.

श्री अचल सिंह: अन्क्लेम्ड पेमेंट जितना है वह रिजर्व बैंक को क्यों दिया गया, क्यों नहीं लेनदारों को दिया गया ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : अन्क्लेम्ड की संख्या, जसा मैं ने अभी बताया, मेरे पास नहीं है ।

Limited I.A.S. Examination

360. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision regarding holding of I.A.S. examination on a limited competitive scale; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Does the Home Ministry propose to follow the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission in the matter or some new proposals are being formulated by the Ministry itself?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): We are considering the scheme more or less on the basis of the recommendation made by the Pay Commission. There might be some minor changes, but mostly it will be based on the recommendations of the Pay Commission.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: When this examination ultimately takes place, may I know if those people will be allowed to take the examination who are eligible under the age restriction rule at the present moment but who may become overaged later on, if the decision is delayed for too long?

Mr. Speaker: It is a hypothetical question.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: Yes; the hon. Member may wait and see.

डा० गोविन्द वास: जहाँ तक इस प्रकार की परीक्षाओं का सम्बन्ध है, सरकार एक नीति घोषित कर चुकी है कि माध्यम वैकल्पिक रूप से हिन्दी भी रखा जाएगा। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब-जब यह प्रश्न पूछा जाता है तब-तब यह क्यों कहा जाता है कि इस संबंध में कोई समय निर्दिष्ट नहीं हुआ है, और यह कब तक आशा की जा सकती है कि सरकारी नौकरियों के लिए हिन्दी भी वैकल्पिक रूप से परीक्षा का माध्यम रखा जाए ?

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री: यह तो प्रश्न ही दूसरा है, इसका हिन्दी या अंग्रेजी के माध्यम से कोई संबंध नहीं है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, इस परीक्षा को सीमित (लिमिटेड) करने का उद्देश्य क्या है, और कौन से सरकारी कर्मचारी इस प्रतियोगिता में बैठ सकेंगे ?