

Minister satisfied with the arrangements for their education in the schools at the present time?

**Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran:** If we can be 100 per cent. satisfied, I think, we come to a standstill. That can never happen. We always try.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Sir, the scheme is for children between the ages of 6 and 11—the scheme of compulsory education. The Deputy Minister gave figures only for children between the ages of 6 and 7. How do they explain the position?

**Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran:** Yes. Last year the drive was made to enrol children between the ages of 6 and 7. This year the enrolment drive is for children between the ages of 6 and 7 and also 7 and 8. It is going on. We cannot bring in children of 10 years just now. So, when the drive starts, we start from the age group of 6 and 7 and every year we add one age group more.

**Mr. Speaker:** Question No. 673.

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** Sir, may I request that along with this question, Question No. 693 be also taken?

**Mr. Speaker:** If the Minister is willing. (*Interruptions*).

**Shri Tyagi:** This may be answered first.

#### Oil Pipe-Lines

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**Shri G. K. Singha:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan for laying the oil pipelines for carrying petroleum oils from one place to another has been finalised;

(b) if so, the total mileage of pipelines to be laid and the places where these will be laid;

(c) when this work will be taken up; and

(d) how long it will take to complete the work?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Timmaiah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). These details can be given only after the plan for laying oil pipelines is finalised.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The Minister has said that the details can be given only after the plan has been finalised. May I know how long it will take to finalise this plan?

**Shri Timmaiah:** The Indian Reineries Ltd. hope to commence the work by the end of this year and complete it by the end of 1964.

**Shri Basumatari:** What is the estimated cost of these pipelines to reach the target?

**Shri Timmaiah:** The Calcutta-Barauni-Delhi pipeline would be about Rs. 26 to Rs. 28 crores; the Gauhati-Siliguri pipelines would be approximately Rs. 6 crores; and the pipeline in Gujarat Kalol to Ahmedabad would be approximately Rs. 6 crores.

**Shri Morarka:** What are all the proposals which are before the Government and which are under consideration for laying pipelines in different parts of the country?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The entire plan has been mentioned by my colleague.

**Shri Morarka:** He mentioned three projects.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Product pipeline from Nunmati to Siliguri, product pipeline from Barauni to Dehri or Meerabot and from Barauni to Calcutta and six pipe lines for gas products and crude oil in Gujarat—all these are under examination of the Government. General approval has been obtained but there are some differences between ourselves and the Finance Ministry with regard to foreign exchange expenditure and I suppose the position will clarify soon.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** यह जो बरोनी से पाइप लाइन दिल्ली आएगी तो क्या बीच में इलाहाबाद और कानपुर जैसे शहरों को भी इस पाइप लाइन से जोड़ा जाएगा ?

**श्री के० दे० मालवीय :** इरादा तो यही है कि जो बितरण के बड़े बड़े स्थान हैं उनमें वहीं बांट दिया जाए ताकि सस्ता हो सके ।

**Shri Hem Barua :** Is it not a fact that laying of pipelines is at present the responsibility of the Indian Refineries Ltd.? If so, do the Government propose to form a separate corporation for the construction and maintenance of pipelines network?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** To begin with we have entrusted this work to the Indian Refineries so that we may avoid delays which could be avoided. They have taken up this work and have done a lot of early work. Government are considering to set up separate arrangement for looking after the technical jobs involved in it.

**Shri K. C. Pant :** Is there any proposal ultimately to link the pipeline from Barauni to Delhi with the pipeline net work in west India?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** It depends upon the future and the expansion of oil industry. Naturally the objective should be to have one general pipeline for the whole country.

**Shri Warrior :** May I know whether the pipeline from Gauhati to Siliguri is not constructed because of the non finalisation of the project or is there any other objection raised by anybody?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** There is no objection.

**Shri Hem Barua :** There was from the Railways.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** When I referred to this objection previously, it was more or less on technical grounds. But whatever problems face us today

in the construction of Nurmatj pipeline, they are under consideration technically and financially and I suppose we shall go ahead with the scheme.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar :** The hon. Minister in reply to a supplementary question put by an hon. Member two minutes ago said that there should be a pipeline all over the country. May I know whether he means that there will be a connecting system like the electric grid system for all parts of the country?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya :** I did presume that. I did not say there is a scheme like that. I said that it all depended upon the future. The objective should be to have a pipeline which will form a grid like that.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि आर्थिक दृष्टि से यह लाभप्रद होगा कि नहीं ? रेलवे से जो आप भेजते हैं उसकी तुलना में पाइप लाइन से भेजने में खर्च में कितना अन्तर पड़ेगा ?

**श्री के० दे० मालवीय :** आर्थिक दृष्टि से बहुत लाभदायक होगा और रेलवे के भाड़े से इसमें भाड़ा कम होगा ।

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahiṇa :** May I request the hon. Minister to reply question No. 693 also?

**Mr. Speaker :** That would be a different question altogether; he did not find it convenient to answer that question along with this question.

**श्री का० ना० तिवारी :** अभी माननीय मंत्री ने बतलाया कि फाइनेन्सल और टेकनिकल डिफिकल्टीज हैं । क्या यह भी डिफिकल्टी है कि प्रान्तीय सरकारें इसमें अड़चन डाल रही हैं ?

**श्री के० दे० मालवीय :** जी नहीं, प्रान्तीय सरकारें कोई अड़चन नहीं डाल रही हैं ।