

Board, that is, approach varieties of employment agencies to take them in their respective departments. Even now we have created employment exchanges in various States, including Delhi and other States, to find employment for these handicapped people. They are doing it—not as much as we want, but certainly they are taking into consideration for finding jobs for them.

Oil in Punjab

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- *305. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Ham Raj:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 269 on the 8th August, 1962 and state:

(a) the progress of drilling operations in Janauri (Punjab);

(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has given any consideration to re-start the drilling operations at Jawalamukhi; and

(c) if so, what is the decision arrived at?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmaiah): (a) Drilling of Janauri well No. 1 was completed in October, 1961 and the well has been under test since then. Testing of the well is nearing completion. There are no indications of oil or gas so far.

(b) and (c). There has been no change in the position since 8th August, 1962 when this question was answered. The matter is being reviewed and a decision will be taken in due course.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What are the reasons for which the Jawalamukhi operation have been abandoned and are we still considering whether it should be started again when there is so much more demand for oil?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):

The programme has not been finally abandoned. We have not gone deep but there are possibilities that if we go deeper still we may get oil. Whether we should go deeper or not is something which we are still considering. So, the programme is not finally abandoned... (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: There is a demand that hon. Members should speak more loudly during the emergency?

Shri Hajarnavis: I said that the programme has not been finally abandoned. So far we have not struck any oil there but still there is reason to suppose that if we go deeper we may strike oil.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: With reference to parts (b) and (c) of the question could we know the reasons why the question still stands where it was at the time of the last reply in this House? Was no action taken, or if action was taken did no result come out of it?

Shri Hajarnavis: We have gone upto the depth of about 4,500 metres. In the mean time there was the rainy season during which drilling could not be continued. But in about a month's time after a review of the facts that we have gathered together we shall decide whether we should go deeper or not.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Some drilling was being done in a place near Dasuya. What has been the result of the drilling there?

An Hon. Member: Sand was found there.

Shri Hajarnavis: I am not familiar with the topography of that place. This question is about Janauri Well No. 1.

Students Homes for Day Scholars

*306. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has