

from people who are interested in oil exploration and from Kerala also. We know that there are areas where one may undertake oil exploration. We are just watching the whole situation and in due course of time we shall take up the search for oil in that part of the country also.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that it has been reported recently that Pakistan has attained a position of being able to export 10,000 tons of finished oil, may I know whether Government have any idea of the time by which we may be able to attain a similar position?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Our surplus in petrol was already achieved, perhaps two years before or even earlier. We are exporting five or even ten times more petroleum products from our country.

**Shri Hem Barua:** We are not self-sufficient

**Shri K D Malaviya:** The news that emanated in newspaper was with regard to one specific product Petrol is the product that we use in our motor cars. We are also surplus in petrol but not in kerosene or furnace oil.

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** May I know whether the Government have explored the possibility of getting petrol or oil from the Gulf of Cambay and if so what are the results?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The search programme in the Gulf commenced about 4-5 days back. We do not know how long it will take to know something about it.

**Shri Man Singh Patel:** In view of the decision of the Government to increase the capacity of the oil refinery at Koyali may I know when the refinery is likely to function?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** According to present schedule the initial stage of running the refinery at Koyali will commence from September or October 1964.

#### Fourth oil Refinery in Public sector

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\*438. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri P. Kunhan:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
Shri Mantri:  
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

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

(a) whether any decision has been taken as to the location of the fourth oil refinery to be established in the public sector; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A decision has been taken to establish the fourth oil refinery at a suitable place in the South India region. The actual location, however, has yet to be decided.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** May I know whether the experts of ENI who visited these areas have submitted any report and if so whether they have said that Cochin is the most suitable place for the oil refinery?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes Sir, one or two committees of experts were asked to survey the southern region of our country for locating the refinery and they gave us a report saying that from several points of view they viewed this area or that area with favour. Cochin is one of them.

**Shri Kunhan:** May I know whether the Government have received any representation from Kerala Government and also the Development Council to establish the oil refinery there?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There has been strong representations from the Kerala Government to set up a refinery in Kerala.

**Shri Mohsin:** Have the Mysore Government made a representation.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Every Government must have made that representation.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या इस सिलसिले में किसी फारेन कन्ट्री के साथ कोलबोरेशन हुआ है? यदि हों, तो उस की शर्तें क्या हैं ?

**श्री के० दे० मालवीय :** रिफाइनरी को लगाने के लिए बाहर से या तो ठेकेदारों को बुलाते ह, या कोलबोरेटर्स आते ह । कोयली की रिफाइनरी हम लोग खुद ही खड़ी कर रहे हैं आयाल एंड नेचुरल गैस कमीशन के इन्तजाम में, उस की मिलिक्यत में, लेकिन हम इस में मशीनों और एक्सपर्ट्स की मदद दूसरे कन्ट्रीज से ले रहे हैं ।

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know which are the other places recommended by this Experts Committee as suitable for starting a refinery?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The three States that are very eager to have a refinery in the south are Madras, Mysore and Kerala; and all of them are suggesting place like Mangalore, Cochin, Tuticorin, Madras and one or two more.

**Shri Shivananajappa:** May I know when the Government is likely to take a final decision so far as location is concerned?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Within the next two or three weeks.

#### Russian Exports at sibsagar project

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\*439. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**  
 { **Shri Kapur Singh:**  
 { **Shri Mantri:**  
 { **Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Russian experts helping the Oil and Natural Gas Commission on its Sibsagar Project have been withdrawn from Assam recently and repatriated to Russia; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b): In view of the military situation that was prevailing in Assam during November, 1962 and its effect on the drilling operations being carried out by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in that area, the Commission decided to post the Russian Experts for duty in various projects in Gujarat for the time being for proper utilisation of their services.

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** May I know whether before the Russian experts were repatriated the Indian experts have been able to imbibe any of the techniques that the Russian experts could give to them?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Nobody was repatriated. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission itself decided to temporarily request those Russian experts to go to other areas where work was allocated to them because at the time the situation in Assam was somewhat uncertain.

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** My question was whether the Indian engineers have been able to imbibe any of the techniques which the Russian experts could give.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, more than 90 per cent of the skill has been acquired by the Indians. There are only few Russians in the country and they advise us from time to time; that is all.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know whether the work on Sibsagar Project has again been revived and the Russian experts are back there to do their job?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, only two weeks back we decided in the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's meeting to start the work immediately. Work on civil construction has started and some of the Russians have been back there.

**Shri Narendrasingh Mahida:** May I know whether the Government is satisfied with the work of Russian experts in this oil field?