

loans and is it also a fact that they have asked Government to guarantee the same? If so, for what amount have they been able to arrange loans?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That information is not available with me.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether Government have decided to constitute a body like the NIDC for giving loans to collieries?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, there is no specific institution created for such facilities except that there is already an institution called the Refinance Corporation which will provide loans.

Oil Refinery in Madras

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- *1113. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:

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

(a) whether an oil refinery is proposed to be set up in Madras;

(b) whether any foreign collaboration has been sought for the purpose; and

(c) when the work is likely to be started?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसके लिए लाइफ इश्योरेंस कारपोरेशन कितना इन्वैस्ट कर रही है और हमारी सरकार द्वारा ५१ परसेंट शेयर खरीदने की बात जो चलाई जा रही थी, उस मामले में क्या हो रहा है ?

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : आपने मद्रास रिफाइनरी के बारे में पूछा था, उसका जवाब मैंने दे दिया है ।

Concentrated Composite Foods

*1114. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a process for making ready-to-eat concentrated composite foods with remarkable keeping properties has been developed at the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any production programme has been chalked out in this regard?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The edibles are pre-cooked, drum dried and blended with required vitamins, flavoured and suitably canned.

(c) Interested parties have been given the details of the process.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this food can be used by persons living at high altitudes or those at low altitudes?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is putting the question to the hon. Minister who is so near to him, but I also want to listen to the question.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this food can be used by persons living at high altitudes such as defence personnel and others, or it can be used only by persons living at low altitudes on the plains and only by civilians?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This food is meant for people who want pre-cooked food and where there are difficulties of cooking. Naturally, the defence forces are interested, and demonstrations have already been given at the Defence Headquarters and the Air Force is also interested. We are waiting for the approval of the Defence Ministry for providing larger supplies.