

third class High school students will not be admitted to Universities, and what is the Government's policy?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I have answered that question.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** In view of the fact that we have very few polytechnics where students who have not attained a very high proficiency in the school leaving examination could seek admission, may I know whether till such time as we have an adequate number of polytechnics the students will be permitted to go to the universities and not cut short their education and their future professional possibilities?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** This is a matter of opinion.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** What are they to do? If they pass in the third division, without being able to go to polytechnics or any other post-school course what are they to do?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I would have answered this question, but the hon. Member may have a different opinion in this matter. That was why I refrained from answering this question.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether in view of the over-crowding in the universities, we are going to have more universities? May I also know what has happened to the three universities to be established in UP—in Kanpur, Meerut and Bareilly?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** The question is one of providing opportunities to students who pass out of the high schools. But the main difficulty in our country is that we have not got adequate opportunities to students who pass out of the high schools, and, therefore, they have a tendency to go to the universities. This is to some extent related to economic development, and it is a very broad question and it will have to be examined in detail. The hon. Member who has asked the question is a member of the committee which we have appointed

to go into this matter, and I am sure that she would make suitable recommendations.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** My question has not been answered at all. May I know whether new universities are going to be established during the Third Five Year Plan period in the country, and whether three universities are going to be established newly in UP? It is a simple question but he has not answered it.

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** It is for the State Governments to establish new universities. The Central Government does not establish new universities. Therefore, I cannot answer this question.

श्री रामसेवक दादव : श्री मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि कुछ विश्वविद्यालयों ने अपने यहां थर्ड डिवीजनर्स के दाखिले पर एक प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिया है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस प्रतिबन्ध के बाद से गाँवों में खास कर पिछड़ी जातियों के श्रीर हरिजन लोग जो कि ज्यादातर थर्ड डिवीजन में ही पास होते हैं, उन को आगे पढ़ने से रोकने में मदद करेगा, और अगर ऐसा ही तो इस को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

डा० का० ला० श्री मार्क : माननीय सदस्य को मालूम है कि जहाँ तक विद्यार्थियों के दाखिले का प्रश्न है, इस को भारत सरकार निर्धारित नहीं करती है। यूनिवर्सिटीज जो कि प्राटोनॉमस बाडीज हैं वे हों इस मामले में फैसला करती हैं।

#### Oil Exploration

Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Maniyangadan:  
Shri Karni Singhji:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shrimati Vimla Devi:  
Shri P. R. Chakravarti:  
Shri Dharmalingam:  
Shri Subodh Hanada:

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 } Shri P. C. Borooh:  
 } Shri Daljit Singh:  
 } Shri P. G. Sen:  
 } Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
 } Shri P. Kunhan:  
 } Shri A. N. Vidyalandkar:  
 } Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
 } Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:  
 } Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:  
 } Shri Maheswar Naik:  
 } Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:  
 } Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:  
 } Shri Berwa Kotah:  
 } Shri Bishwanath Roy:  
 } Shri E. S. Pandey:

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

(a) the areas selected by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for extensive oil probe during 1962-63;

(b) whether any investigation was taken up in these areas previously;

(c) if so, by whom and with what results; and

(d) whether the investigations proposed to be taken up will be in public sector or private sector or with any foreign collaboration?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Geophysical surveys are being carried out in the foot-hill area of Punjab, Ganga Plains of U.P., Bihar and northern part of West Bengal, Golaghat-Rudrasagar area of Assam, Godavari-Krishna basin of Andhra, Cauvery basin of Madras, various parts (Olpad, Kosamba, Cambay, Gandhinagar and Mehsana areas of Gujarat), north and south of Bhuj in Cutch, Barmer area of Rajasthan.

Structural drilling operations were carried out or are in progress in the Gogha and Padra areas of Gujarat and Kasganj area of Uttar Pradesh, and are expected to start soon in the Pattukattaiah area of Madras.

Deep drilling operations were undertaken or are in progress in the Olpad, Kalol and Gandhinagar areas of Gujarat, Ujhani area of U.P. and Rudrasagar area of Assam. Beside, deep test holes are proposed to be drilled in several places in Punjab, U.P. and Bihar. Some of the places selected so far are Raxaul and Purnea in Bihar and Shahjehanpur in U.P.

Geological investigations were carried out in parts of the sedimentary rock-outcrops in the above mentioned regions and also in parts of Jammu & Kashmir State, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) and (c). Preliminary geophysical work was carried out by the Burmah Oil Company in the Brahmaputra Valley in Assam, including the Golaghat-Rudrasagar area, which gave some idea of the regional structural conditions.

A few shallow holes were drilled in the Gogha area in Gujarat by another private party, with no concrete results.

(d) All investigations mentioned under (a) above are in public sector being carried out by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission departmentally.

Shri P. K. Deo: Is it not a fact that some time back the Stanvac people had tried to explore oil in West Bengal and after sinking a good deal of money they had failed, and if so, may I know the reason for including West Bengal in the programme of oil exploration for the next year?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: It is a general practice amongst oil explorers that where one company or one interest has failed to search for oil, the others do not give up their interest and they continue searching for oil.

Shri P. K. Deo: Is it not a fact that some time back the Minister gave us the impression that due to very hard

living conditions, the schedule of exploration in regard to the seismographic, and geophysical surveys and the structural drilling process in Jaisalmer had to be abandoned, and if so, may I know whether there is any programme next year to carry on the exploration process in that area?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No, I do not remember to have said that our oil exploration programme was abandoned in Jaisalmer area . . .

**Shri P. K. Deo:** That was what he said.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** . . . But it may have been suspended for the time being for some special reason at that time, but we have now undertaken in all seriousness oil exploration work in the Jaisalmer area, and we have obtained some technical assistance from the French teams, and they are now there carrying out the programme of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

**Shri Ranga:** How is it that till now no effort has been made to explore and try to discover oil or gas either in Orissa or in Andhra or in Madhya Pradesh?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** According to the theoretical concept prevailing at present, it is not likely that we will get any oil in Madhya Pradesh or in Andhra, there are only coastal strips where some oil may be searched for. It is not on very high priority because the basin is not large but only a narrow strip.

**Shri Karni Singhji:** May I know whether the Canadian team which explored oil in Rajasthan have had any luck and are hopeful of striking oil?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No, there was no Canadian team which explored for oil in Rajasthan. There was a Canadian team which carried out three or four years ago an extensive aeromagnetic survey right from Bengal to the Jaisalmer area in order to find out the exact contours of the mountains lying

below. They have given their interpretation and we are working on that interpretation. On the basis of that, we have started oil exploration work in Bihar, in UP, in Jaisalmer and also in some parts of West Bengal.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि पिछले साल फतेहपुर गांव में यह काम शुरू किया गया था, यदि हाँ, तो उस का क्या परिणाम रहा ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** अब माननीय सदस्य को एक, एक गांव के बारे में जानना चाहते हैं ।

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला सहारनपुर में क्या यह काम शुरू किया गया ?

**श्री डॉ० दे० मालवीय :** जी नहीं ।

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Was it on the basis of any previous theoretical knowledge that West Bengal was explored by STANVAC?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, very much so. Even now there are technical views of geologists that this search should not be abandoned.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it a fact that before 1962-63 exploratory work was done in South Bengal only and this time it is done in North Bengal? May I know whether in the future programme any place has been taken up?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Oil exploration efforts being made in the northern portion of Bengal are as a result of the programme prepared by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission some-time back, as I said just now, after studying the aeromagnetic survey results. So far as South Bengal is concerned, this work was taken up by the Standard Vacuum people in collaboration with the Government of India. We now propose to start there also from the point where the Standard Vacuum people gave it up.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Have Government studied the reasons that made BOC and other private firms give up

their earlier ventures in the line and thereby safeguard against other short-falls?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We have taken all those aspects into consideration. When an oil company abandons or suspends its effort in a particular area, there are various considerations taken into account—economic, financial capability of the company to invest and its own technical assessment of the area. We now think, just as many others think, that later on—when one company gives it up—we can take it up from the point given up, if there are reasons for it.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What is the firm position in regard to oil exploration in the Punjab? What has been happening is that sometimes an area has been taken up and dropped, again it is taken up and again dropped. May I know what are the prospects of oil exploration in the Punjab, and whether Government has a firm policy and a firm idea of what it is going to do in that area?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We have spent plenty of money in Punjab. We are still groping in the dark. Perhaps we shall continue to grope in the dark so far as the deep basins in the Punjab are concerned. But the technical assessment is that Punjab is an area where we should not give up the search for oil for some more time. So long as possibilities are there, we shall continue to explore.

**Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** May I know whether the gas found available at Jwalamukhi is being put to use, or will be put to use?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** That gas proved to be elusive.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** I find from the statement that structural drilling operations were carried out in certain areas in Gujarat and the Kashganj area in U.P. May I know whether the result obtained are promising. I also find deep test holes are being drilled.

**Mr. Speaker:** One would be enough.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** In the Kashganj area a structural hole was drilled for gathering of information. It was not with a view to tapping oil or gas in the area. We have obtained some information.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** I asked if the results were promising.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I said it was an information hole, and we obtained some information. It has not much connection with finding oil and gas. We have obtained some theoretical information about strata.

श्री शिवराज : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि नार्थ बिहार में कटिहार में आयल एक्सप्लोरेशन की जो कोशिश की गई थी, क्या उसको दोहराया जायगा या नहीं ?

श्री केशवदेव भारद्वाज : नार्थ बिहार में कटिहार में आयल-एक्सप्लोरेशन का कुछ काम किया गया था। उसको छोड़ दिया गया है। इस वक़्त हम नार्थ बिहार में पूनिया में काम कर रहे हैं।

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** I got up ten times. I did not get a chance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Sometimes I may not be able to see.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Delhi Education Code

\*275. **Shri Bishanchander Seth:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 393 on the 14th November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the new education code for the Union Territory of Delhi has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) to (c). The Code has since been prepared and is now re-