

(c) The question of exploitation can be considered only at the close of the present programme of exploration when the potentialities of this area will be more fully and clearly known.

Oil Refineries in India

*379. { Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Basumatari:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rumanian Government have offered to establish a chain of oil refineries in India;

(b) if so, at what places;

(c) what will be the capacity of each refinery; and

(d) action taken by Government in the matter?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

हायर सेकेंडरी शिक्षा

*३८१. श्री यु० सि० चौधरी : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सभी राज्यों में मैट्रिकुलेशन शिक्षा की वर्तमान पद्धति को हायर सेकेंडरी शिक्षा पद्धति में कब तक बदल दिया जायेगा; और

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में विभिन्न राज्यों द्वारा क्या प्रगति की गई है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली) :

(क) इस समय यह कहना कठिन है कि सभी हाई स्कूलों को कब तक पूरी तरह से हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूलों में बदल दिया जायेगा ।

(ख) विभिन्न राज्यों के हाई और हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूलों की संख्या का विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है । [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या एल० टी० — १५४/६३]

Oil Explorations Abroad

*386. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission proposes to embark on explorations abroad;

(b) if so, in which countries the prospecting is proposed to be undertaken in the first stage; and

(c) the steps taken so far in that direction?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) There is no proposal at present for the Oil and Natural Gas Commission to undertake exploration abroad.

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

Suicides

*387. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Marandi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been attracted to cases of suicide by families compelled by hunger in the Union Territories during the last one year; and

(b) what is Government's reaction in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) No case of suicide by families compelled by hunger has been reported in the Union Territories during the year 1962.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Coke

695. Shri Marandi: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some factories are reducing the hours of