

### Oil Royalty Rate for Assam

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\*1011. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti;  
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah;  
Shri P. C. Borooah;

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

(a) whether the dispute regarding Oil Royalty between the Union Government and Assam has been finally settled;

(b) if so, on what terms;

(c) whether there is any proposal to adopt this specific rate as an All India figure; and

(d) if so, whether steps have been taken to amend the rules governing the grant of future leases?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A specific rate of Rs. 7.50 per metric ton has been fixed as royalty for crude oil with effect from 1st November, 1962.

(c) The award stipulates that the above rate will be applicable on an All India basis.

(d) Steps are being taken to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know the criteria in terms of which the rate has been determined?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There is a history behind this matter. The rate of royalty was governed by a certain formula connected with the well head value of the crude oil. That was going on for some time, as a result of the arrangement between the then Assam Oil Co., and the Assam Government. Subsequently, the Assam Government objected to the royalty rates and wanted us to increase it. Various matters were introduced into it and the whole question was referred to the Prime Minister for arbitration. Ulti-

mately the final decision was given by the Prime Minister which has been accepted on an all-India basis.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: While fixing the rate on the basis of the landing cost of M. East crude oil in India, may I know whether the Government took into account adjustments made for quality and specifications of oil and the sales tax imposed by the State Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I will not say that the diversities in quality were taken into consideration while fixing this rate of royalty. But in the peculiar conditions of our stage of oil exploration, it has been accepted in its totality that there should be a uniform rate of royalty for some more time to come, and nothing prevents us from periodical revision of the whole question when the appropriate time comes.

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: Before amending the rules regarding the grant of future leases, may I know whether the various State Governments will be consulted?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes. When the time comes for any revision of the present rate of royalty, obviously all parties concerned will be consulted.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the rate of royalty that the Assam Oil Company, used to pay to the Assam Government was higher than the rate of royalty in the award, and whether this award will be applicable to the Assam Oil Company also?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. To both the questions the answer is in the affirmative.

### Survey of Himalayan Region

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\*1012. { Shri Yashpal Singh;  
Shri Bishanchander Seth;  
Shri Onkarlal Berwa;

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organize an intensive survey of the Himalayan region;

(b) if so, the particular aspects and areas proposed to be covered by the survey; and

(c) when the proposal is to be put into effect and how long it will take to complete the survey?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) The topographical survey of the Himalayan region is already in hand.

(b) The survey consists of topographical survey on various scales. The area involved lies along the entire Northern borders.

(c) The survey is already in progress. The entire field work is expected to be completed by the end of summer 1964.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह:** इसमें क्या किसी फारेन कंट्री से कोओपरेशन लेने की कोई बातचीत चल रही है या इसको अकेले आप ही कर रहे हैं ?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The Survey of India is one of the oldest departments of the Government of India and they are well equipped and well manned. So, we find no necessity at all for foreign collaboration or foreign help.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह:** तिब्बत से इस मामले में हमारी सरकार ने मशिवरा किया है या नहीं किया है ?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** We do not find any relationship with Tibet in these matters. We are carrying out research in our own land.

**श्री विश्राम प्रसाद:** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किस तरह का सर्वे हुआ है और क्या-क्या चीजें सर्वे के अन्दर मिली हैं।

**Dr. M. M. Das:** We appreciate very much the anxiety of the hon. Mem-

bers to have detailed information about this question. But I beg hon. Members to consider whether the present time is opportune to have information of this kind.

**Mr. Speaker:** He may give his own opinion.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The Survey is of the northern border and it is very closely linked up with the defence of the border.

**श्री भक्त वरदान:** माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी बताया है कि यह विभाग मोस्ट प्रोलेडेस्ट है यानी इसके द्वारा कई बार सर्वे किया जा चुका है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस समय जो सर्वे किया जा रहा है उसकी विशेषतायें क्या हैं और पहले के सर्वे में और इस सर्वे में क्या अन्तर है ?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** I have already said that. I would request them to consider the desirability of asking searching questions on these matters.

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** I would like to add that the survey will be a comprehensive survey and will go into every question that is necessary.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** May I know whether a snow survey also will be conducted as it has an important bearing on the determination of waters in the Himalayan rivers?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Every aspect of the survey necessary for this region will be gone into.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know when the survey was done by the oldest department in the whole world and when this oldest department propose to complete the survey and when does the most oldest department propose to publish the records of the survey?

**Mr. Speaker:** This question is too old now to be answered.

**श्री शिव नारायण:** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस प्रेजेंट सर्वे पर सरकार ने कितना खर्चा किया है ?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Survey is a continuous process and we can only say what has been spent in a particular year. In 1962-63, the provisional figures are Rs. 3.29,23,000 for the Survey of India.

### केन्द्रीय संस्थान, शिमला

\*१०१३. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय संस्थान, राष्ट्रपति निवास, शिमला के आर्थिक और संगठनात्मक ब्योरे पर विचार करने के लिए एक विशेष समिति बनाई गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन दे दिया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रतिवेदन की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।]

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** इस सम्बन्ध में समाचारपत्रों में जो समाचार प्रकाशित हुए हैं वे गलत हैं या उन में कोई सच्चाई है, क्या मंत्री महोदय इस पर प्रकाश डालने की कृपा करेंगे ?

**डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली :** मुझे मालूम नहीं क्या समाचार प्रकाशित हुए हैं और किन समाचारों की तरफ माननीय सदस्य का संकेत है । मैं इतना कह सकता हूँ कि शिमला में जो इंस्टीट्यूट स्थापित होने जा रहा है वह एक रजिस्टर्ड सोसाइटी होगी और वह उसके सारे एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन को देखेगी । कमेटी नियुक्त हुई है कि किस तरह से उसके काम को चलाया

जाए और इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है । ज्यों ही रिपोर्ट आ जाएगी, उस पर कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** शिमला में जिम प्रस्तावित संस्था के बारे में भ्रमी माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है, उस सम्बन्ध में क्या वह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस संस्था का उद्देश्य क्या है और वह कब तक काम अपना प्रारम्भ कर देगी ?

**डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली :** उद्देश्य यह है कि हमारे सारे विश्वविद्यालयों से जो स्कालर्स हैं, जो प्रोफेसर्स हैं, वे कुछ सीमित समाके लिए आयें, वहां रिसर्च वगैरह करें, एक भ्रच्छी लाइब्रेरी का प्रबन्ध किया जाएगा दो जहीनों के लिए, तीन महीनों के लिए और जितनी भी सुविधायें हो सकें, दी जायें । उसके अलावा कुछ सैमीनार्स, हों कुछ रिसर्च के ऊपर गाइडेंस वगैरह मिलेगी, एडवांस स्टुडेंट्स और रिसर्च वगैरह के टीचर्स को ।

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** यह नहीं बताया गया है कि कब तक यह स्थापित हो जाएगी ।

**डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली :** इसका काम जल्दी ही शुरू हो जाएगा ।

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know whether the Central Government is going to provide for the funds or the State Government will be responsible for expenditure?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** This is a Central Institute. It will be financed by the Government of India.

**Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:** Will it be a voluntary organisation or will it be sponsored by the Government of India?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** This will be an autonomous organisation, and not a voluntary organisation. It will be financed by the Government of India.

**श्री भक्त बर्शन :** जहां तक मुझे मालूम है, दिल्ली में पहले से ही एक सेंट्रल इंस्टीट्यूट