

कई ऐसी समितियाँ हैं जिनकी जल्दगी नहीं है और उन्हें समाप्त करना चाहिये।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन समितियों को समाप्त करने के फल-स्वरूप और दूसरी मितव्ययता के फल-स्वरूप मंत्रालय को कितने पये वार्षिक की बचत होगी।

श्री मु० क० चागला : मैंने हिसाब नहीं लगाया है लेकिन लाखों रुपों की बचत होगी।

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether by winding up these committees and sub-committees, any efficiency will be effected?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Yes, Sir; because I find that in many cases committees instead of helping the work detract from carrying out the work and prevent the implementation of the policy of the Ministry. I have no doubt that the winding up of many of these committees will result in greater efficiency.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: In the statement, it has been mentioned that the standing committee on moral and religious instruction has also been abolished, I would like to know what method has been adopted to see that the work that this committee was doing is implemented soon because there has been considerable delay in implementing the recommendations of this committee. I would like to know how the Education Ministry is going to see that this committee's work is implemented.

Shri M. C. Chagla: This was the Sri Prakasa Committee. Most of its recommendations were forwarded to various States and their comments invited. To the extent it is possible to implement them, they have been implemented. To the extent they have not been implemented, they would be

taken up by the Ministry for implementation.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Since there is joint responsibility in the country and the Minister is a full-fledged member of the Cabinet, has he recommended similar treatment of the committees in other departments?

Shri M. C. Chagla: There is joint responsibility in the country and I have the honour and privilege to be a member of the Cabinet. But I do not think it is part of the joint responsibility for me to suggest to other Ministers how they should administer their Ministries.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अभी मंत्री सहोदय ने कहा है कि जिन समितियों को निरर्थक समझा गया है, उनका तोड़ा जा रहा है, और उन का काम कर लिया जाएगा। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसी निरर्थक समितियाँ पहले बनाई ही क्यों गई थीं जो कि आज तोड़ने की जल्दगी महसूस होने लगी है? क्या देश का पैसा व्यर्थ व्यय करना था?

श्री मु० क० चागला : मैंने नहीं बनाई थी ये सब।

Gauhati Refinery

*3. **Shri N. R. Laskar:** Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the offer made by the Rumanian Government for the expansion of Gauhati Refinery; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) The proposal for expansion is being examined.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri N. E. Laskar: May I know what would be the additional production capacity of the new expansion unit and by what time this will be completed?

Shri Alagesan: The present capacity is 0.75 million tons. It is proposed to raise it to between 1.0 and 1.25 million tons. The expansion will be achieved by the end of the third Plan.

Shri Rameshwar Tanti: May I know whether there was any short-fall in the production last year, if so what were the reasons and what steps have been taken by Government to prevent a recurrence?

Shri Alagesan: This has been explained on the floor of the House fairly in detail. Production started improving from August. From the month of November, there was a stoppage for about three weeks because of the behaviour of the river Brahmaputra. Later on production has caught up and we are now producing almost to the full capacity.

Shri Vishram Prasad: May I know what are the terms of the agreement with the Rumanian Government, whether any loans have been asked from the Rumanian Government by the Government of India, and if so, how it will be repaid?

Shri Alagesan: All these matters are under consideration.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that this Gauhati Refinery has been experiencing difficulties and breakdowns—the kerosene unit broke down and there was a series of breakdowns—may I know whether the economics of production are being taken into account when the Government are discussing the question of expanding the existing capacity of the refinery?

Shri Alagesan: All these will be kept in mind and we will try to reduce the cost as much as possible.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether after the expansion, the refinery will get more of crude oil from within the same area as at present or oil will be found from other places to feed it?

Shri Alagesan: We will continue to get the extra quantity of crude oil from the same source. Oil India is producing oil which will also be refined in this refinery.

Research Centres

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- *4. { Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Onkar Lal Borwa:
Shri Dhaam:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission is considering to establish new research centres in the country;

(b) if so, whether these research centres will be independent of or attached to the universities;

(c) the total expenditure involved;

(d) how many research centres will be opened in each State; and

(e) when the new centres will start functioning?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

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

Scientific Equipment and Machinery

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- *5. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Audit Report on the