

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