

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

A contract was concluded on the 9th February, 1962, between the Hindustan Steel Limited and the Soviet Organization, 'Tjzhpromexport', for preparation of Working Drawings, supply of equipment and materials, deputation of Soviet specialists for rendering technical assistance in designing, construction, erection, supervision, adjustment, and putting the plants into operation, and training of Indian specialists and qualified workers in the Soviet Union in connection with the expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant.

2. The total value of the contract is about Rs. 54 crores. The supplies under the contract will be received from the U.S.S.R. from 1962 to 1965. Payment for these supplies will be made in twelve equal annual instalments, interest being 2½ per cent. The contract also contains the terms to be given to the Soviet specialists in India and the Indian trainees in the Soviet Union.

3. Preliminary work in connection with the expansion programme has already started. Construction work for the expansion will commence as soon as supplies of equipment etc. are received from the U.S.S.R.

Nunmati Refinery

*118. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Kunhan:
Shri Liladhar Kotoki:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
Shri Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) the nature of difficulties into which the Nunmati Refinery in Assam has run into, leading to the stoppage of its working; and

(b) whether the difficulties have since been removed and smooth working assured?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Delay in the completion of the crude oil pipeline, difficulties in obtaining the proper quality of crude oil in sufficient quantities and delay in the start up of Kerosene and Coking Units, have resulted in the temporary closure of the Crude Distillation unit and other operations.

(b) The matter of crude supplies has been under discussion between Indian Refineries Limited and Oil India Ltd., and it has now been settled that nearly 50 per cent of the requirements of the refinery will be supplied from 26-4-1962 and the full requirements will be met by the end of May 1962. The kerosene unit has since been commissioned, and the coking unit is also ready to start.

Sainik Schools

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Singh:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how many Sainik Schools have been opened in the country up to date (State-wise);

(b) how many such schools are proposed to be opened during the next five years (with possible locations);

(c) what assistance the Union Government render to such schools; and

(d) the fee charged from the students in such schools (boys and girls separately if there is any distinction)?