

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrinani): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Recruitment of Scientific and Technical Personnel

\*990. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been finalised with the Union Public Service Commission for improvement in procedure for recruitment of scientific and technical personnel and whether any instructions have been issued to the various ministries in the matter; and

(b) if so, the nature and details of the scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement of the changes etc. introduced is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 41.]

#### Village Panchayats in Manipur Hill Areas

\*991. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many village authorities have been set up in the Manipur hills under the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no elections to the Village Panchayats have been held upto now since enforcement of the Act?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The Act was brought into force on the 18th April 1957. No elections have however so far been held on account of the monsoon. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold the elections during the coming winter.

#### दुर्गापुर का होटल

\*९९२ { श्री कुलवन्त राव :  
श्री राम कुल्ल रेड्डी :

क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दुर्गापुर में एक होटल बनाने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी लागत कितनी होगी और इसकी क्या आवश्यकता है ; और

(ग) क्या वहाँ के डाक बंगले और यात्री बिस्वाम-गृहों से काम नहीं चल सकता ।

इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री (सरदार इरफ़ाँ तिलह) : (क) जो हाँ, परन्तु कुछ समय के लिये रोक दिया गया है ।

(ख) बिजली की लागत का अन्दाजा लगभग १० लाख रुपये का था ।

(ग) जो नहीं ।

#### Drilling Operations in Godavary Basin

\*993. Shri E. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to have drilling operations in the Godavary basin for petroleum; and

(b) if so, the places where drilling will be undertaken?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Not at present.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a) the question does not arise.

#### Iron Ore at Theerthamalai

\*994. Shri Doraiswami Gounder: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state whether the 47.5 million tons of iron ore deposit available at Theerthamalai area, Harur Taluk, Salem District, Madras State will be exploited by Government in the near future?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The ore from this