

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

(b) Yes: An amount of Rs. ten lakhs for the Second Five Year Plan has been allotted under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme.

(c) Government employees are eligible for loans under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme.

**राजस्थान में पेट्रोल**

\*१४२५ आ १० सा० बाकनाल : क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में पेट्रोल की खोज का काम पूरा हो चुका है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो किन्-किन जगहों पर और कितना ट्रेल मिलने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) पेट्रोल निकालने का काम कब शुरू किया जायेगा ?

खान और तेल मंत्री (श्री के० दे० आलबीय) : (क) जी, नहीं। जमनमेर के समीप भूगर्भीय ( Geological ) और भूभौतिकी ( Geophysical ) खोज का कार्य प्रगति पर है।

(ख) और (ग). वास्तविक रूप से सुदाई हो जाने के बाद ही स क्षेत्र में तेल अन्त करने की सम्भावनाओं के विषय में कुछ कहा जा सकता है। जब यह मालूम हो जायेगा कि तेल व्यवसायिक रूप से खोज करने की मात्रा में मौजूद है तब ही इसके निकाले जाने का प्रयत्न उठेगा।

**Raikot By-election to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha**

\*1427. { Shri Ghosal:  
Shri B. Das Gupta:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rejected votes in the last Raikot by-election held to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha; and

(b) The main grounds for rejection of votes, if the percentage is high?

The Minister of Law (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) 11 per cent.

(b) The main ground for the rejection of votes was that the marks made by these voters on the ballot papers were so placed that they did not indicate beyond doubt the particular candidate in whose favour the votes had been cast.

**Bentonite Clay Deposits**

\*1428. { Shri B. C. Mullick:  
Shri Surendranath  
Dwivedy:

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

(a) whether bentonite clay has been found anywhere in India; and

(b) if so, to what uses it is actually put?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b) A Statement giving information regarding the place of occurrence and use of bentonite is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 124]

**Assistance to Foreign Countries**

\*1429. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing the foreign assistance given by the Government of India to other countries under any treaty or under the Colombo Plan during the year 1956-57 and 1957-58 so far and state:

(a) whether loans have also been advanced; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 125.]

(a) Yes, Sir.