

The talks for the refinery with the Rumanians were held before this international company was perhaps constituted, and therefore there are several other factors which are before the Government, and taking everything into consideration, I suppose the Rumanian offer has got to be considered very seriously.

**Shrimati Masida Ahmed:** May I know the reason or reasons why the Government of India accepted the Rumanian offer without a project report, which is an imperative necessity for installing a refinery?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The Rumanian offer has not yet been finally accepted, but the case for very favourable consideration is that it is a very attractive offer.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that the report of the Refinery Location Committee originally constituted by the Government of India, which is till now a confidential document, recommended a single-unit big size refinery in Assam, why is it that the Government thought it or considered it fit to split up the refinery into two and proceed accordingly with its negotiation with the Rumanian Government?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** My hon. friend knows....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This is perhaps going into too many details which may not be answered in reply to a question. I pass on to the next.

#### Scholarships to Technical Students

\*72. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for awarding scholarships to students in Technical Institutes has not yet been finalised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. Some

research scholarships have been in existence since 1949-50, some post-graduate scholarships were instituted, in 1953 and some for undergraduate studies are now in process of implementation.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know the number of students granted scholarships during 1957-58?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Under which category?

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Technical aid.

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** I have given the break-up, that there are research scholarships and postgraduate scholarships. For the research scholarships there are 680 who are enjoying scholarships at the moment.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether the scholarship is being extended to students of the Marine Engineering College, Calcutta?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Twenty institutions have so far been selected for these postgraduate scholarships, and I would have to go through the whole list to find out whether this particular college is there or not.

**Shri Tangamani:** It is not postgraduate. There is only one college of its kind—in Calcutta, with some 50 students each year. I would like to know whether the scholarship includes the students of the Marine Engineering College.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That list will have to be gone into to see whether this particular institution is included in that or not.

**Shri Tangamani:** It is a very important institution. There is only of its kind.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I ask a question?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have passed on to the next question. I am sorry the hon. Member did not rise in time.