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Friday, 28th November, 1958

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Technical Man-Power Requirements for Oil and Natural Gas Commission

*291. **Shri V. C. Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state how Government propose to meet the requirements for the technical man-power of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's different directorates for the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): In addition to the present practice of sending the officers of the Commission abroad for higher training, it is proposed to recruit persons with suitable educational background and train them up with the existing field parties. Recently, a technical training school was started at Jwalamukhi to impart training in oil well drilling.

Shri V. C. Shukla: May I know whether the arrangements made at Jwalamukhi for training men in oil and gas technology are considered to be sufficient for our requirements under the Second Five Year Plan, and if not, what additional arrangements are being made in India for training persons in oil and gas technology?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We require a large number of technicians for the remaining part of the Second Five Year Plan. 250 (A) LSD.—1.

Year Plan, about 1200 persons, including geologists, geo-physicists and drillers. The Jwalamukhi school caters only to drilling experts; we have got a phased programme; and the number of students who are receiving training there is according to our immediate programme; since there is only limited accommodation there, we have phased the programme in such a way that we shall meet the demands of our drilling programme only.

Shri V. C. Shukla: Have any estimates been made of the number of technicians required for the Third Plan period, for gas and oil technology, and if so, what are those estimates?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: For drawing up a programme for technicians for the Third Plan, we must have an idea of the programme itself. That will take some time, perhaps a year or more.

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: Are they being sent in batches abroad for technical training?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes. If we require such trainees, we do send some boys outside. As a matter of fact, many of our boys are receiving training abroad also.

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: Is it a fact that some engineering personnel are undergoing training in the Assam Oil Co.?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: They were receiving training in the Assam Oil Co., some time back.

Shri Joachim Alva: As a result of the agreement with Rumania, how many boys are going to be sent to Rumania for training?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There are two sets of trainees that have been proposed to be sent to Rumania. One is for our refinery. It will run into many scores, perhaps to fifty or sixty or more. With regard to our drilling programme, we are preparing a scheme to send about two dozens, in the next three or four months, if possible.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the various directorates under this particular commission which are purely of a temporary nature are going to be declared permanent after the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The permanent nature of the cadre depends upon the permanent nature of the work. We think that we are progressing well with our oil exploration programme, and when the entire programme is put on a permanent basis, the technicians also will be put on a permanent basis.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: At what stage is the proposal to have an All India Petroleum Institute?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Just now, we are not actively considering any proposal for creating an All India Petroleum Institute. There are various institutes where the required type of training is being imparted.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether Government propose to start a training institute for drillers in this country, and if so, whether they have selected the site for the location of that institute?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have already started a drilling centre at Jwalamukhi. About 40 boys are receiving training there; some are receiving practical training at the site of drilling, and some are receiving theoretical training. As our requirements increase according to this programme, we shall have to admit more boys, and perhaps open a school at Cambay also.

Shri Banga: Have Government any scheme to see that the Assam Oil Co., trains a number of our young men in a systematic manner from year to year? The hon. Minister said some time back that they had some people to be trained; but afterwards, we do not know what is happening.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Unfortunately, I must say that we have not had a very good experience of sending our boys for practical training in the Assam Oil Co., because they do most of the work on a contract system, and they are more anxious to finish their work within a scheduled time than to train our boys as they say, it takes more time for them. We are now undertaking all such work systematically and under our own arrangements.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether a new section has been opened recently in the Indian School of Mines to impart training in oil technology?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, in certain activities of oil exploration.

Child Lifting

*292. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 375 on the 21st August, 1958 and state the progress made with regard to the study of existing laws to determine whether they are adequate for coping with child-lifting and the specific problem of children being mutilated?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): The views of the State Governments on the tentative conclusions reached by the Government of India in the matter are awaited.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many States have sent their views, and how many have not sent their views?

Pandit G. B. Pant: Some of the Union Territories have sent their comments and replies, but none of the