

(c) the total expenditure incurred on this publication and the net gain or loss out of it;

(d) whether the Vanaspati Manufacturers had or have had anything to do with this publication; and

(e) whether researches on the problem have been pursued since 1952 and published?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1,000 copies were published. 319 copies were sold and 334 were supplied gratis. 347 copies are held in stock.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3,100 was spent on printing 1,000 copies. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research did not incur any loss.

(d) The Vanaspati Manufacturers Association placed at the disposal of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research an unconditional grant for research on hydrogenated oils. The expenditure on the publication was met out of this grant.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Terminal Tax on Air Travel

***1579. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered any proposal to levy terminal tax on Air Travel; and

(b) if so what is Government's conclusion?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the insignificant proportion the traffic by air bears to the volume of traffic by railway and after careful consideration of other relevant factors, the proposal has been dropped.

French Aid for Oil Exploration

***1581. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of the French Petroleum Institute visited the capital recently;

(b) whether any talks were held in regard to the French aid for oil exploration in the country; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposals made by the French Institute of Petroleum are being examined.

Electric Crematorium in Delhi

***1585.** { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 118 on the 18th November, 1959 and state the progress since made in the construction of an electric crematorium in Delhi?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): In consultation with the Town Planning Commission, certain modifications have been made in the preliminary plans for the crematorium. These are being referred to the manufacturers of the plant in Switzerland for a final check-up. Preparation of detailed plans, designs and estimate is in hand and the work will be taken up after the rains and completed within a year.

Central Pool of Engineering Specialists

***1586.** { **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to reply given to