

and it is not the creation of the Government and, therefore, it is not necessary for the Government to go into the details of its administration?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Government are not going into the details of its administration. Government have advanced loan to this Trust. Therefore, they are interested in seeing to what extent they are utilising the loan, and how it can be recovered in time.

नई दिल्ली के राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार के लिये उपभवन

*२०४. श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नई दिल्ली स्थित भारत के राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार के लिये उपभवन के निर्माण में कितना खर्च होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) क्या उसके अनुमित व्यय में कोई परिवर्तन किया गया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली) :

(क) ४५.८३ लाख रुपये ।

(ख) जब से ऊपर के भाग (क) के उत्तर में बताए गये अनुमित व्यय अनुमोदित हो गये थे तब से कोई परिवर्तन नहीं किया गया ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस उपभवन को इस समय पर बनाने की कौन सी आवश्यकता प्रतीत हुई है और कौन कौन से ऐसे महत्व के कागजात हैं जो कि अभी बाहर पड़े हुए हैं जिनको कि उसके अन्दर सुरक्षित रखना है ?

डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली : माननीय सदस्य जानते हैं कि नेशनल आरकाइव्स में गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया के बड़े बहुमूल्य

रिकार्ड रखे जाते हैं और यदि वह जायेंगे तो देखेंगे कि अब वह उन रिकार्ड्स से बहुत भर गया है और अब उनके लिए पर्याप्त स्थान नहीं है । इसलिए उसके साथ एक एनैक्सी बनाने की आवश्यकता महसूस हुई है और इसलिए यह तजवीज है । जहां तक रिकार्ड्स का ताल्लुक है, इतिहास की दृष्टि से वह बहुत बहुमूल्य हैं और हर एक राष्ट्र का, हर एक राज्य का यह कर्तव्य है कि वह उनको सुरक्षित रखे ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह उपभवन कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जाएगा ?

डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली : इसकी तो मैं आपको कोई तिथि नहीं बता सकता हूँ क्योंकि मामला इस वक्त टाउन प्लानिंग आगनाइजेशन के पास है और वह इसकी जांच कर रहा है कि जो बिल्डिंग बनेगी वह उस जगह के लिए उपयुक्त है या नहीं ।

Oil Refinery in South India

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 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Pahadia:
 Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
 Shri Rami Reddy:
 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
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 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri R. C. Majhi:
 Shri Warior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new public sector oil refinery is proposed to be set up somewhere in South India to avail of the Russian offer of crude oil supplies;

(b) the decision taken with regard to the exact location of the refinery;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Russia will supply this crude oil at rates cheaper than the prevailing world prices; and

(d) if so, the effect thereof on the home-market prices?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

श्री रानेश्वर टांटिया : अभी एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया था कि यद्यपि हमें रशियन तेल सस्ता मिल रहा था परन्तु प्राइवेट सेक्टर में बैठी हुई रिफ़ाइनरीज ने रूसी तेल को साफ करने से इन्कार किया है। ऐसी हालत में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो पब्लिक सेक्टर में दो रिफ़ाइनरीज असम और बरोनी में बैठ रही हैं वे रिफ़ाइनरीज रशियन तेल को साफ कर सकेंगी अगर वह सस्ता मिलेगा या वह भी जिस मुल्क से कोलेबोर्गेशन में बैठ रही हैं उन्हीं द्वारा साफ किया जाएगा ?

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : जो पब्लिक सेक्टर की दो रिफ़ाइनरीज बरोनी और गोहाटी में लग रही हैं वे हमारे ही तेल को शोधित करेंगी जो असम में उत्पन्न हो रहा है। उन दोनों रिफ़ाइनरीज में अभी तक जैसा मालूम होता है बाहर का कोई कोई तेल भी शोधित नहीं होगा। लेकिन अगर कोई नई रिफ़ाइनरी लगेगी देश के किसी और कोने में तो वहाँ बाहर से, सोवियत संघ से या जहाँ से भी सस्ता तेल हमें मिलेगा उसे लाकर शोधित करने से गवर्नमेंट को कोई नहीं रोकता।

Shri Damani: May I know whether Government have received any application from the private sector for setting up an oil refinery in any part of the country? If so, may we know the details and action taken on it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. Certain proposals have been received by

the Government from the private sector to install refineries in various parts of the country. Those proposals are under examination of Government.

Shri Damani: May I know in which part of the country they want to set up the oil refineries?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Generally, no site is located in these offers. That is for the Government to decide as to where a refinery will be administratively feasible. But, for the present, Government are not thinking of locating any refinery over and above those already indicated in the programme of Second and Third Five Year Plans.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that in view of the information going round the country that Soviet crude oil is offered at cheaper rates there has been a rate war and Burmah-Shell has proposed to reduce the price of crude oil by 7 per cent whereas Stanvac and Caltex have followed suit? If so, is it a fact that the reduction in the price of crude oil by Burmah-Shell is going to be reflected in the price structure of the country?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Firstly, immediately after the declaration of reduction of price by Burmah-Shell, Stanvac followed suit and they also declared an equal amount of reduction in the price of crude. Recently, perhaps day before yesterday, we heard from Caltex also of a similar reduction in the price of crude oil. So, all the western oil companies have declared an equal amount of reduction in the price of crude oil.

As to how it is going to be reflected in the ultimate petroleum product prices, it is not quite clear. It is not quite clear to the Government how the reduced prices are going to affect the overall reduction either in the foreign exchange implication or in the ultimate price of the petroleum products.

Shri Amjad Ali: On a point of order. How could this question arise when the original question refers to oil refineries in South India?

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order?

Shri Amjad Ali: This question relates to the establishment of an oil refinery in South India. How could any hon. Member raise the question of price on this question and how could the hon. Minister reply to it? How is it relevant?

Mr. Speaker: Anyhow, it has gone into the records. Also, I do not find it to be so irrelevant. This will be a supplementary to the other question to which I did not allow further supplementaries. Since hon. Members were really anxious to know the position I gave some latitude. Now an hon. Member from Assam wants to contradict another.

Shri Hem Barua: May I submit that this is not a matter of favour? This is a matter of right, and this right is conferred on me by part (c) of the question, which reads:

"whether it is also a fact that Russia will supply this crude oil at rates cheaper than the prevailing world prices;"

Shri Indrajit Gupta: The hon. Minister has just now stated that the three oil companies now operating in India have agreed to a similar reduction in their crude oil prices. It is reported in the press that this reduction is to the extent of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on their previous price. May I know whether the Government of India have suggested any percentage of reduction to these companies and, if so, what is its relation to the $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent reduction which they have already made.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The reduction may be much more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. It may perhaps amount to 11 per cent. I quoted the figure of 27 cents per barrel, which comes to more than 11 per cent or about 12 per cent. We never asked for any particular reduction. And the situation that was to be faced by the western oil companies was that the Soviet Union offered a reduction in the price of

crude oil. They did not know what the actual reduction was. It was not for the Government to indicate the quantum of reduction. But, perhaps, as they are themselves good mathematicians and economists they offered a reduction which is what I have just indicated.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether there is any special reason why this oil refinery which was first proposed to be established in the South in the Public sector has been given up? Is it because they want to extend the existing oil refineries or for any other reason?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir. We have already enough installed capacity. So far as the present rate of consumption of petroleum products is concerned, we have not much money to invest on extra projects. So, for the time being the question of having a new refinery in the South has been postponed.

Shri S. R. Arumugham: May I know whether the Government of Madras has invited foreign collaboration through the Government of India to set up an oil refinery in Madras State in view of the possibility of drilling oil in the Cauvery Basin? If so, at what stage does it stand at present?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The prospecting in the Cauvery Basin is about to commence. A lot of time is likely to be taken before any possibility of oil would be indicated there. Therefore this question of having a refinery cannot be linked up with the discovery of oil in the Cauvery Basin. But separately from the Cauvery Basin oil discovery the Government of Madras are keen on having a refinery there.

Shri Damani: What will be the saving in foreign exchange due to the acceptance of reduction in prices by the Western companies?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: All these questions are under examination.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The hon. Minister has just now stated that

there is no proposal to have more refineries than the two which we are going to have.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: At present.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: In that case at which refinery will the crude oil that they are going to get from the Cambay region be refined?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: As soon as the quality and the quantity of Cambay and Ankleshwar are established and the possibility of blending the two is confirmed we shall start planning for a refinery. As I said in my last statement during the last session, by the end of this year we propose to start planning for a medium-sized refinery somewhere there. That time has not yet come.

Shri Ansar Harvani: The hon. Minister has pointed out that he has received offers from certain private companies to establish oil refineries in this country. In view of the fact that the private companies have sabotaged the move to refine crude oil from the Soviet Union, is there any proposal not to permit any private company to establish a refinery here?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far as our policy is concerned, oil is completely in the public sector. The proposals which come from the private sector have got to be considered in this background. They also know that they have to accommodate the policy of the Government of India. Therefore it is for them and for us to consider as to how to bring them into the pattern of our policy.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अभी मंत्री जी ने बतलाया कि रूस का जो क्रूड आयल है वह सस्ता पड़ता है। तो मंत्री जी इसको साफ बतलायें कि रूस का क्रूड आयल किस हिसाब से मिलेगा और दूसरे देशों का क्रूड आयल किस हिसाब से मिलेगा।

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : मैंने अभी कहा कि उन्होंने करीब करीब ११ या १२ परसेन्ट

दाम कम कर दिया है। उसी हिसाब से क्रूड आयल का दाम भी कम हो गया है।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि एक गैलन क्रूड आयल रूस का कितने में मिलेगा और दूसरे देशों का कितने में मिलेगा।

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : मेरे पास इस वक्त फिगरस नहीं हैं। गालिबन अब उनके क्रूड आयल का दाम ६१ या ६२ रु० प्रति टन रखा गया है जब कि पहले ६६ या ६७ रु० प्रति टन था।

Shri Achar: What were the reasons and circumstances that made the Government think of having a refinery in the South and what are the changed circumstances that have prevailed upon the Government in deciding not to have it there?

Shri K. D. Malavia: There was never any decision by the Government of India to have a refinery in the South. When they did not think of having a refinery in the South they had this situation before them that the installed capacity was enough for the time being, that is, for three or four years to come. But the question of having a refinery on the western coast to refine our own oil is still open for us to consider and we shall consider it. But the time has not yet come for us to take a decision.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that the Russians were prepared to accept payment in rupees?

Shri K. D. Malavia: Yes, Sir.

Production in Ordnance Factories

*206. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in Ordnance Factories had increased in 1959-60;

(b) if so, to what extent;