

Oil exploration in Bengal Basin

*1261. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to explore again Bengal basin by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps Government intends to take in the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is yet to be considered.

Industrial Management Pool

*1262. **Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 710 on the 3rd March, 1960, and state:

(a) the number of posts in the Industrial Management Pool which still remain to be filled in each grade;

(b) the manner in which these posts will be filled;

(c) whether rules for this service have been finalised; and

(d) how the future recruitment in this cadre is proposed to be made?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) to (d). A statement indicating the position is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 133].

I.A.S. etc. Examination

*1263. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of chances for sitting for all India Service like I.F.S., I.A.S. etc. have been reduced from three to two within the age of 21 to 24;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government received any representations to revise the decision and to revert to old rule; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The decision to restrict the number of chances, a candidate appearing at any competitive examination can avail of, to two, has been taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Public Services (Qualifications for Recruitment) Committee. The decision is, however, to be made applicable in regard to the combined competitive examination for the IAS| IPS and the Central Services to be held in 1961 and thereafter.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

'Bankers' Mission

*1264. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three-men Bank Mission wrote a 21-page joint letter to the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, released simultaneously in New Delhi, Rawalpindi and Washington, in which it is said that 'to all apprehensions the Plan (India's Third Plan) is a big plan, and if it can be made more manageable by the omission of some projects the need for which is less immediate this, in our view, would be worth doing; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this specific suggestion?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes Sir; except that the Mission have used the word 'appearances' and not 'apprehensions' in their letter.

(b) The Report of the three-Man Bank Mission was received in April 1960. Since then, the Draft outline of the Third Five Year Plan has been