

Sale of one Ton Trucks

*1830. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether one-ton trucks being manufactured in the Ordnance Factories are being put for sale to the public; and

(b) if so, the approximate number of trucks available for sale yearly?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) For the present one ton trucks are being manufactured to meet the demands of the army and the Border Road Directorate.

(b) Does not arise, at present. The orders received from other parties will be considered at the appropriate time.

Ankleshwar Oilfield

*1831. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Khushwaqt Rai:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has located another oilfield in the Ankleshwar area apart from the main strata;

(b) if so, its precise location; and

(c) whether drilling has since been undertaken at that place?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The Oil and Natural Gas Commission have located a new structure near Olpad about 10 miles North-West of Surat. A location for drilling on this structure has been pin-pointed and drilling may commence within a month or so. It is, therefore, premature to say that a new oil field in Ankleshwar area apart from the main strata has been located or established.

Certification of 'Krishak' Plane

*1832. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Jinachandran:
Shrimati Na Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the civil aviation authorities have withheld the certification of the 'Krishak' a small aircraft designed and produced by the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., for use in agricultural operations;

(b) if so, the reasons for withholding of certificate; and

(c) steps taken to get the plane for civilian use?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) These can be considered only after the plane is certified.

Output of Steel

4133. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the total output of steel during 1960-61; and

(b) to what extent the per capita consumption of steel has increased during 1960-61 as compared with 1959-60?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a). About 2.42 million tons of finished steel.

(b). The per capita consumption of steel during 1960-61 was 8.2 kg as compared to 7 kg during 1959-60.