

Petroleum Imports

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri S. A. Mehdi:
 Shri B. Das Gupta:
 Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
 Maharajkumar Vijaya
 Ananda:
 Shri Morarka:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri Sadhan Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government have urged the private oil companies in India to accept part payment for petroleum imports into the country in rupees; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by them in this regard?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Hindi Medium in All India Service Examinations

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 Shri M. K. Kumaran:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Chuni Lal:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 850 on the 15th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken regarding the question of introducing after some time Hindi as an optional medium in the examinations held for recruitment to the All India Central Services in accordance with paragraph 9 of President's Order dated 27th April, 1960 which was under consideration by the U.P.S.C.; and

(b) the date from which the decision in this regard is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The decision to introduce Hindi as an optional medium for the All-India and Higher Central Services Examination is contained in the President's order itself. The date from which this decision should be implemented is still under consideration.

Sui Gas from Pakistan

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 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri Goray:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Pandit D. N. Tiwari:
 Shri Kodyan:
 Shri Pangarkar:
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri Damani:
 Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Maharajkumar Vijaya
 Anand:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1583 on the 18th April, 1961 and state:

(a) the progress since made for obtaining Sui gas from Pakistan;

(b) the terms and conditions and the rate to be paid by India; and

(c) the approximate quantity that would be made available in India during the first six months?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The Pakistan delegation, led by Major Gen. Hayauddin visited India at the end of April, 1961 and held exploratory talks. The Pakistan Delegation promised to furnish additional information regarding source of supply, delivery points, pressure of gas, setting up of purification plant, quantity, price, date and period of supply. This information is still awaited from Pakistan.