

N.C.C. Camp at Kamptee

*251. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a N. C. C. officers' training camp was held at Kamptee in May, 1961;

(b) whether it is a fact that one professor **Shri Mangtani** from Gujarat died on account of over exertion;

(c) whether it is a fact that though he complained about having pain in his chest and expressed inability to participate in cross country he was compelled to take part and collapsed while running;

(d) whether it is a fact that no medical treatment was given to him immediately after his collapse;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government have made any inquiry about this incident; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (g). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 40].

Sterling Balances of India

*252. { **Shri P. G. Deb:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sterling balances of India have fallen down to its lowest level in the first week of July, 1961; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) The lowest level to which the foreign balances of the Reserve Bank of India had dropped was Rs. 98.04 crores on

the 28th July, 1961. On the 7th July, 1961 these balances amounted to Rs. 109.55 crores.

(b) The matter has been receiving the continuous attention of Government and among the measures taken are the following:—

(i) Further intensification of export drive.

(ii) Restriction of imports to the essential minimum.

(iii) Negotiation of external assistance from friendly foreign countries and international institutions.

(iv) Purchase of foreign currencies from the I.M.F. which has helped to raise the foreign balances to Rs. 152.67 crores as on 4th August, 1961.

Re-organisation of Oil Undertakings

*253. { **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether there is a proposal for integration and reorganisation of oil undertakings in public sector;

(b) if so, the nature of integration, reorganisation and co-ordination with details;

(c) whether such a step will effect any economy; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) There is no specific scheme or proposal under consideration of Government at present for integrating the State Undertakings concerned with oil.

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

Bokaro Steel Plant

*254. { **Shri Surendranath Dwivedi:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri B. Das Gupta:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:

Shri P. G. Deb:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to consider the feasibility of associating the U.S.A. with the construction of Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(b) whether the Government have approached the United States for the purpose or an offer has been made by that country?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The U.S.A. have shown interest in the fourth steel plant at Bokaro and the question of their association has been generally discussed with them. No concrete offer has, however, been received so far.

Drilling in Assam after agreement with B.O.C.

*255. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri P. G. Deb:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

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

(a) whether any further drilling has been conducted for exploration of oil in North-East Assam after the agreement with Burmah Oil Company; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Aircrash near Ludhiana

*256. { **Shri Arjun Singh**
Bhadauria:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether an I.A.F. plane crashed near Lohgarh village, Ludhiana in May, 1961;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into the incident; and

(c) the result of the enquiry?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Court of Inquiry has not yet completed its proceedings.

Centenary of Madan Mohan Malaviya

*257. **Shri Balraj Madhok:** Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government of India with a view to celebrate the centenary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in a befitting manner; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The celebration of birthday centenaries etc., of national leaders and other prominent persons is organised by committees specially set up by the public for this purpose. Government have not yet been approached by any Committee set up for celebrating the Centenary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

Baroda Oil Refinery

{ **Shri M. B. Thakore:**
Shri P. G. Deb:
*258. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

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

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with Gujerat Government regarding proposed Baroda Oil Refinery; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference

{ **Shri Tangamani:**
*259. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference will be held this year also;