

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:
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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;