

district was taken up by the Geological Survey of India during 1960-61 with a view to plan out detailed mapping and investigation by drilling, etc. during the III Five Year Plan period. The Geological Survey of India propose to undertake large scale mapping with pitting, trenching, drilling, sampling and washing for diamonds in the diamondiferous belts in the Kurnool, Mehaboobnagar, Nalgonda, Guntur, Krishna and Anantapur districts during the III Five Year Plan period.

Shri Kunhan: In view of the shortage of diamonds, will the Government propose to accelerate the pace of survey?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Our programmes are all laid down. The reconnaissance survey of the diamondiferous belt in this area was taken up last year and the officers of the Geological Survey of India are at present writing the report of those investigations. For the next year, the Geological Survey of India has prepared its programme as also the Indian Bureau of Mines. The next year programme and the Third Plan programme have all been prepared in detail and I hope that they will be undertaken quickly.

By-products of oil Refineries

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 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Chuni Lal:

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to develop petro-chemical industries around Nunmati (Gauhati) and Barauni based on refinery gases from the public sector refineries being built up at these two places; and

(b) if so, the main details of the proposal?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). There is at present no specific proposal under consideration by Government to develop petro-chemical industries based on the refinery gases from Nunmati and Barauni. The Government of India has set up a Petro-Chemical Committee to recommend the pattern of development of petrochemical industries. This Committee will also consider the utilisation of the refinery gases for development of petro-chemical industries.

Shri Kodiyam: What is the estimated quantity of gas that will be available from the refineries at Nunmati and Barauni annually?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The waste gas available from Nunmati and Barauni cannot be estimated reasonably just now. We will have to wait for some more time when the project pattern is all finalised and it starts production.

Shri Kodiyam: May I know whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to utilise some of the gas in the beginning for producing liquid petroleum gas for use as domestic fuel as well as for industrial consumption?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. The scheme of producing liquid petroleum gas is very much before us and we are already considering such a scheme but not other petro-chemical complex which are linked up to the refinery. In an isolated way some schemes are being considered.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam has made certain suggestions to the Government of India towards the utilisation of the gas that will be available in the Nunmati refinery and whether it is also a fact that the Government of India has come forward to take share in the responsibility for utilising the gas in some ancillary industries round about Nunmati?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There are two things; perhaps the hon. Member is confusing. The Government of Assam are suggesting certain schemes based on the utilisation of natural gas that is coming out along with oil.

Shri Hem Barua: That is Naharkotiya.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: In regard to Nunmati refinery, I am not aware of any proposal which has been sent by the Assam Government. We have ourselves appointed a small committee and it is going to make certain recommendations for our consideration. The utilisation of waste gas from both these refineries will be considered at the appropriate time.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria—absent. Shri Tangamani.

Shri Tangamani: Question No. 800.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा नाम सूची में प्रथम है। आप शुद्धि पत्र देखिये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका नाम है ?

श्री भक्त दर्शन : जी हां, मेरा नाम सब से पहले है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अच्छा, श्री भक्त दर्शन :

हिन्दू धर्मदाय संस्था आयोग की रिपोर्ट

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क्या बिचि मंत्री २६ नवम्बर, १९६० के तारांकित प्रश्न-संख्या ५४६ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि हिन्दू धर्मदाय संस्थाओं की जांच करके रिपोर्ट देने के लिये जो आयोग नियुक्त किया गया था उसने इस बीच अपने कार्य में क्या प्रगति की है ?

The Minister of Law (Shri A. K. Sen): Since November, 1960, the Commission has toured the following States:—

1. Gujarat.
2. Andhra Pradesh.
3. Part of Madras.
4. Maharashtra.
5. Part of Rajasthan.
6. West Bengal.
7. Orissa.

It is at present touring the State of Uttar Pradesh. It has also held three sittings exclusively devoted to the discussions on the issues brought out in the evidence taken so far.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन् क्या कमीशन ने सरकार को बतलाया है कि देर से देर कब तक वह अपनी रिपोर्ट दे देगा, यानी क्या इस दूसरी लोक सभा के समाप्त होने से पहले वह अपनी रिपोर्ट दे देगा ?

श्री अ० कु० सेन : अभी तक कुछ नहीं बतलाया है।

Shri Tangamani: Even on a previous occasion, we were told that the Commission was expected to submit its report by the second half of 1961. When this Commission was originally set up we were told that the Commission will take only six months but the supplementary demand for an additional six months was also before us. We do not want to hurry them but we would like to know whether this report will be submitted to us during this Parliament or it will have to be held over to the next Parliament.

Shri A. K. Sen: Let us hope it will be submitted during the currency of this Parliament. They have asked for an extension up to February next. With regard to such high-powered Commissions, it is not possible to keep on goading them in this work. The matter is a rather responsible piece of business and it is hardly worth-while to goad them all the time.

Mr. Speaker: I think the same answer was given sometime ago. The Minister said that they wanted more