

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Naharkatiya Natural Gas

8071. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1163 on the 4th September, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the project recommended for utilisation of Naharkatiya natural gas;

(b) by when the plants for manufacture of furnace black, polyethylene and Cis-4-Polybutadiene are expected to go into production; and

(c) what is the estimated quantum of the associated and non-associated gases from Naharkatiya oilfields which have already gone to waste because of non-utilisation?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The recommendations made by the Expert Committee on the utilisation of Naharkatiya natural gas were accepted by Government.

(b) The furnace black plant is expected to go into production by the end of 1962 or early 1963. No firm date for the completion of the polyethylene and Cis 4-Polybutadiene plants can be given at this stage.

(c) The quantity of associated and non-associated gases flared since the incorporation of Oil India Limited i.e. 18th February 1959 is as follows:—

	million cu. ft.)		
	1959	1960	1961 (Upro
Associated	81	123	168
Non-Associated	0.2	17	7

Post-Matric Scholarships to Children
of School Teachers

*678. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1062 on the 30th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether recommendations from the State Governments in regard to award of post-Matric scholarships to children of primary and secondary school teachers in the country have since been received; and

(b) if so, details of the scholarships awarded, State-wise?

The Minister of Education (Dr K. L. Shrinani): (a) Yes, Sir, except for the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan, which have been reminded.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 82].

Cost of Refining Oil

*679. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 644 on the 18th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any assessment as regards the cost of refining oil in the public sector has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Employment of Deaf and Dumb

*684. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Government of India to offer more employment opportunities to the deaf, the lame, the blind and the dumb?

The Minister of Education (D. K. L. Shrinani): A statement giving the