

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

Naharkatiya Natural Gas

\*677. { 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

requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

During the Second Plan period, the Government of India undertook a scheme for the establishment of Special Employment Exchanges for the physically handicapped. Such Exchanges have so far been established in Bombay, Delhi and Madras.

Moreover instructions have been issued to normal Employment Exchanges to the effect that they should offer special assistance to physically handicapped registrants. Instructions have also been issued that handicapped persons examined and certified as fit by Medical Boards attached to Special Employment Exchanges for the Physically Handicapped should not be subjected to a further medical examination by the employing departments.

#### Ordnance Factory, Kanpur

\*690. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the proposal to expand the Ordnance Factory, Kanpur;

(b) the details of the expansion programme; and

(c) the production during 1960-61 as compared to 1959-60?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) There is no proposal to extend the size of the Ordnance Factory premises at Kanpur. However, a project report for setting up of an alloy and special steel plant prepared by the Director-General of Ordnance Factories has now been received and is under consideration of Government. This will be a separate factory.

(b) The proposal is to set up a plant of capacity for 50,000 tons of alloy and special steels annually.

(c) The production in the Ordnance Factory, Kanpur, has increased during

1960-61 as compared to 1959-60 by about 11 per cent.

#### Air Crash Near Calcutta

\*692. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:**  
**Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**  
**Shri Agadi:**  
**Shri P. G. Deb:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force Dakota crashed in the Bosepara area of Mahesh (Serampore) near Calcutta on the 12th October, 1961;

(b) if so, what loss of life and property was involved in the accident; and

(c) what was the cause of the crash?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). 3 I.A.F. Officers and two local residents were killed. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the accident. The cause of the accident if the same is discovered or inferred from available evidence will be known only on the completion of the enquiry.

#### Ankleshwar Oil

\*693. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the refining of Ankleshwar mineral oils was started;

(b) the quantity of different fuels produced till the end of November, 1961; and

(c) whether the progress so far made is according to the planned schedule?