

miles of seismic surveys and drilled a number of shallow structural and deep holes.

(b) The assessment of the potential production of crude oil in the Gujarat region has not yet been made.

(c) 43 deep wells have been drilled of which 22 are oil wells, 7 are gas wells, 6 are dry and 8 are either being tested or are yet to be tested.

(d) The last well tested in Ankle-shwar has given oil and the last well in Cambay has given gas with condensate (light oil).

(e) Does not arise at this stage.

#### **Aerial Ropeway over Rohtang Pass**

\*711. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tenders have been called by the Director General of Border Roads for the construction of Aerial Ropeway over Rohtang pass,

(b) if so, whether any one of them has been accepted and when will the work begin;

(c) what will be the cost of this Ropeway; and

(d) how many months in a year will it work?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) Tenders have been called for the construction of an aerial ropeway over the Rohtang Pass.

(b) No tender has been accepted finally so far.

(c) and (d). Cannot be stated at this stage.

#### **Water Supply Scheme for Babina and Jhansi**

\*712. **Dr. Sushila Nayar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P. Government have approached the

Central Government to undertake a joint Water Supply Scheme to meet Babina and Jhansi military and civil requirements; and

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure on the scheme and the extent to which it is likely to be more economical than a scheme undertaken independently?

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

(b) The scheme has not yet been finalised. It is, however, roughly estimated to cost Rs. 202 lakhs. At this stage, it is not known to what extent it will be more economical than a scheme undertaken independently to cater to the water requirements of the Defence Services.

#### **Steel Production**

\*713. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the steel plants has gone down due to inadequate supply of coal; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b). The monthly production figures do not support the statement that production has gone down. Nevertheless, Government constantly watch the problem of coal supplies to the steel plant, both in regard to quantity and quality.

#### **Plants for Manufacture of Lubricants**

\*714. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

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

(a) whether an agreement has been reached between Government and the Stanvac Ltd. to set up a plant for the manufacture of lubricants;

(b) if so, what are the main terms of the agreement;

(c) what is the cost of the scheme; and

(d) what is the proposed production capacity of the Lubricant plant?

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

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

**Free Primary Education in West Bengal Municipal Areas**

\*715. { **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 128 on the 23rd November, 1961 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of West Bengal have taken no responsibility for introducing free primary education from Class I to Class IV in municipal areas of the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the municipalities are unable to implement this free primary education and that a vast majority is deprived of this benefit; and

(c) since a large number of workers, the unemployed and the lower income groups live in the municipalities, what steps the Central Government proposes to take to see that the target of free primary education up to age of eleven years is fulfilled in the municipalities of West Bengal?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) and (b). The required information has been called for from the Government of West Bengal and will be laid on the table of the House as soon as received.

(c) In the third Five Year Plan provision has been made with a view to achieving the maximum expansion of free primary education in all the States and the Government of India gives financial assistance in this re-

gard. Whether any further measures are called for in connection with the municipal areas of West Bengal can be considered only on the receipt of information from the State Government.

**Calcutta Water-Main Pipe Through Barrackpore Cantonment Area**

\*716. { **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has not sanctioned construction work in the Barrackpore Cantonment area regarding the laying of the new water-main pipe between Palta and Calcutta;

(b) whether, as a result, the pipe-laying programme has been seriously delayed, and drinking water supply of Calcutta City affected; and

(c) whether it is proposed to give the necessary sanction or not?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) Permission for the laying of the pipe line has been given.

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

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\*717. { श्री भक्त दर्शन :  
श्री प्रकाशचौर शास्त्री :  
श्री विभक्ति मिश्र :  
कवी कालिका सिंह :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री २२ अगस्त, १९६१ के अतिरिक्त प्रश्न संख्या १९८० के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि राजभाषा के सम्बन्ध में राष्ट्रपति ने जो आदेश दिये थे उन में से प्रत्येक के बारे में क्या प्रगति हुई है और विभिन्न मंत्रालय ने उन पर कहां तक अग्रगण्य किया है तथा उन विभिन्न आदेशों का सच्चाई,