

(d) if so, whether a statement giving details thereof would be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Exploration in Cauvery Basin

*127. { **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
Shri Morarka:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have requested the Stanvac (Standard Vacuum Oil Company) experts to study the seismic and other data in respect of Tanjore area in the Cauvery Basin;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Stanvac experts;

(c) whether oil prospecting licence has been granted to Stanvac in this area;

(d) whether any agreement has also been signed; and

(e) if so, the terms of the agreement?

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

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

Compulsory Primary Education

*128. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made to impart compulsory and free education to boys and girls upto the age of 11 years;

(b) whether State Governments have agreed to this; and

(c) if not, which of the State Governments have not agreed to this?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 16].

Sainik Schools

*129. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 855 on the 22nd August, 1961 and state:

(a) the distribution of students according to States so far admitted into the Sainik Schools; and

(b) whether the Board of Governors has decided on any State-wise quota for admission?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) A statement will be laid on the table of the House in due course.

(b) Yes, Sir. 67 per cent of the seats in each Sainik School are reserved for boys belonging to the State in which the School is located. The remaining 33 per cent are sought to be filled by entrants from outside the States in which the school is located. 33 per cent of the total entries are reserved for sons of Services or ex-services personnel.

Fire in Pure Jharia Colliery

*132. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Anirudh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 453 on the 14th August, 1961 and state:

(a) which of the steps taken to put out the old underground fire in the Pure Jharia Colliery have been successful;

(b) whether neighbouring Dobari Collieries have in any way been affected;