

Shri B. R. Bhagat: On that matter the Corporation has to take a decision. As I said, hon. Members may wait for a few days when they will come to some decision.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : सारा समय तो वे ही ले लेते हैं । हम को भी सवाल पूछने का समय दिया जाना चाहिये ।

प्रध्वल महोदय : कभी कभी ऐसा हो जाता है । आप को भी मिलेगा ।

Ankleshwar Oil-field

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*438. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
 { Shri P. G. Deb:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that oil has been struck in test well No. 34 near Uparwada village in Ankleshwar oil-field; and

(b) if so, the details of the qualitative and quantitative analysis made, if any?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production tests for determining the calibre of the well have not been done as yet.

Shri D. C. Sharma rose—

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Sir, you gave half an hour to one question and you have passed on to the next question when I wanted to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is sometimes not visible and sometimes not audible.

Shri D. C. Sharma: My difficulty is that I have to compete with you.

Mr. Speaker: I have very great regard for the hon. Member.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I am now visible, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I am not able to hear him.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know when production test is to take place.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: It will require a long period to complete the production test.

Shri D. C. Sharma: How many wells are in progress at present and how many wells are going to be taken in hand in the future?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): In the entire area of Ankleshwar, about seventeen wells are being drilled or tested or completed. Out of them a few are being intensively tested; I have not got the exact figures.

Shri P. G. Deb: What is the total quantity of oil so far found in the oil field at Ankleswar?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The exact estimation of oil from each well has yet to be found out. As the wells are drilled they are just passed on to the production team for testing and the tests are taken in two stages: preliminary and intensive. Preliminary tests have been completed for a large number of wells and only when the tests in respect of all the wells are completed, the estimates will be specified.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Every time we ask this question about the extent of oil deposits in this area, we are told that the tests are being held. When will we actually be in a position to give the estimate? For five years we have been here and we are hearing this statement.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: To that I can only say this. The Assam oil fields were discovered about 15 years back.

The exact quantity of oil that can be produced from those oil fields has not yet been firmly indicated except that a figure had been stated and perhaps it may be revised. The production test of all the wells that are drilled in an oil area have to be gone into in detail and only then some firm indications can be given. I have already given some indications about the quantity of oil. That has been our first estimates.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : सरकार बाहर से तेल मंगाती है, लेकिन यहां जो तेल निकलता है उस की तुलना उस से कर के क्या सरकार ने पता लगाया है कि हमारे तेल की क्वालिटी कौसी होगी ?

श्री कॅ० दे० मालवीय : अंकलेश्वर के तेल की क्वालिटी तो बहुत अच्छी है। मेकदार का भी कुछ न कुछ अन्दाज तो मैं ने दे ही दिया है।

Shri D. C. Sharma: What is the progress with regard to the setting up of the refinery in Gujarat?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I think this supplementary does not form part of this question.

Shri Sugandhi: May I know whether the refining work of the Ankleswar oil has been held up due to the salt content in the crude and if so how does the salt content in this crude compare with the others?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The salt content in this crude compares very very favourably with those of others.

Shri Sugandhi: No answer has been given to the first part of my question.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: What the hon. Member probably refers to is this. There was some excess salt found in the oil of a well at one time and perhaps it was suspected that the salt content of oil from that well might be more. That has been clarified and the salt content of this oil compares very well with the others.

Shri Sugandhi: What is the total production of this refinery?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The quantitative production of each well varies from place to place.

Shri Sugandhi: I am asking about the refinery.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member's question is not clear. Next question.

**Regional Engineering College
at Rourkela**

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*439. { **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:**
Shri Supakar:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Regional Engineering College to be set up at Rourkela has started functioning by now;

(b) if so, since when it started functioning;

(c) the number of students, if any, admitted this year; and

(d) the amount of money which the Government of India have spent so far in setting up this Regional Engineering College?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The State Government has started an engineering college at Rourkela from August, 1961.

(c) 120.

(d) No funds have so far been sanctioned by the Central Government.

Shri Supakar: May I know the reason why the Government of India have not sanctioned any fund for this college?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Because the nature of the college has not yet been determined. We had originally promised a regional college for Orissa but