

Shri Supakar: May I know how many persons have been actually paid?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I have not got the information because the actual disbursement is made by the Government of Orissa.

Shri Supakar: May I know whether the Government of India is satisfied that these people are actually paid their compensation and properly rehabilitated before they are asked to vacate?

Sardar Swaran Singh: On the question of satisfaction of the Government of India, the Government of Orissa report to us to the effect that compensation has been paid and adequate steps have been taken for their rehabilitation. If there is any more suggestions to be made in this connection, I am prepared to consider it.

Oil and Petrol Production

***77. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state whether the import of oil and petrol is decreasing in view of their increased production in India?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The import of petrol has decreased considerably as a result of the setting up of refineries in the country as the following figures show:

Year	Figures in Gallons
1953-54	269,674,238
1954-55	215,764,975
1955-56	75,387,825
1956-57 (April to Dec. '56)	28,571,613

Crude oil is being imported for the refineries as there is no increase in the production of indigenous crude.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the expected increase in production of petrol and oil in the second Five Year Plan period may I know whether by the end of the plan period, imports would be stopped?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir, we hope we may not have to import motor spirit by the end of the plan period.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether as a result of the new taxation policy declared yesterday, imports would be affected in any way?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Finance Minister would be in a better position to answer that question.

Shri Amjad Ali: Is the hon. Minister aware that some oil fields at Moran, Digboi and Naharkattia are awaiting drilling operations?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am aware that the oil fields at Moran, Digboi and Naharkattia are awaiting production.

Shri Biren Roy: May I know how much of crude oil is imported from Middle-East and whether any arrangements are being made for payment to those countries in rupee currency?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The quantity of crude oil that was imported in 1956-57 was 3.6 million tons. As against this production of our own was only 3.79 lakhs. As to the amount of foreign exchange involved in these imports, I am afraid, I would require notice.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know what will be the amount of crude oil which will be produced by the end of the second Five Year Plan period?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far as production of crude oil in the country is concerned by the end of the second Plan period, we do hope and we are trying our level best, to increase production. Production in some areas has already increased which is now switched on to the Digboi refinery. As to the exact figure of expansion of production, it is a little premature for me to commit myself.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: Is it a fact that we are paying higher prices for petroleum products imported from the Middle-East countries than the Far-East countries do?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of it.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister referred to crude oil. I want to know the position with respect to lubricating oil because India's refineries are not manufacturing them at present.

How are we proceeding with lubricating oil?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I will require notice for that.

श्री तिहासन सिंह: अभी माननीय मंत्री ने बताया कि बाहर से कूड आइल आता है और उसका यहाँ पर पेट्रोल बनाया जाता है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो पेट्रोल बाहर से आता है और जो यहाँ पर बाहर से आये हुए कूड आइल से बनाया जाता है उन दोनों की कीमतों में क्या कुछ फर्क है ?

श्री कों. दे० मालवीय: जब तक बुनियादी तौर पर हमारे देश में ही कूड आइल अधिक मात्रा में नहीं बनने लगेगा मुझे डर है कि यह जो आखिरी रकम हम देने हैं उसमें काफी रियायत हम को मिल सकेगी या नहीं। यह एक अप्रिय सत्य है लेकिन वास्तविक बात यही है।

Research in Engineering and Technology

*78. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities and Engineering Colleges in India where it is proposed to organise research in Engineering and Technology during the second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent for the above work?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 24].

Shri Supakar: Out of these eight institutions that have been mentioned in the list, may I know in how many of them any research is actually being carried on at present?

Shri M. M. Das: Certainly, Sir. The applications of these institutions for research have been accepted and some money has been paid to them; and actually some research is going on in these institutions.

Shri Supakar: May I know what amount is actually being paid to each of these institutions?

Shri M. M. Das: We have paid each of these institutions Rs. 20,000 (non-recurring) upon each subject of research.

Shri Supakar: May I know how many and which of these institutions are carrying on research—there are eight institutions mentioned here.

Shri M. M. Das: The list has been given here in the statement, and it has been said that the institutions which have been mentioned in the statement have applied, their applications have been received, money has been paid, and they are carrying out research.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: In the long statement laid on the Table of the House, covering about three pages, it is stated that research is being done in hydrodynamics, chemical engineering, etc. But there is no research for mining. May I know whether Government propose to have research done in mining?

Shri M. M. Das: We have received applications for financial assistance for carrying out research from nine other Universities and eleven non-university technical institutions. Their applications are under consideration.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any applications for mining research?

Shri M. M. Das: I want notice, Sir.

Suez Canal Blockade

*79. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the extra amount that Government