

Shri Hathi: The amount has been distributed to the various States. That will be given to the States by way of loans.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: There must be some amount provided in the coming year's budget. What is that amount?

Mr. Speaker: What is the total amount distributed to the States?

Shri Hathi: The total amount for the next two years is Rs. 158 crores.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the very large number of unemployed women, have any of the schemes submitted by the State Governments taken into consideration any special works to employ women?

Shri Hathi: There are a number of schemes which run into various pages. There are certain schemes which, perhaps, might be advantageous so far as women are concerned. But I cannot say exactly which particular schemes they are, which are meant for them, but that question can be considered as a whole.

CALTEX OIL REFINERY

*1189. **Shri Raghuramajah:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey party of the Central Government recently commenced a survey of the site for the location of the Caltex Oil Refinery at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, when is the survey expected to be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) Yes.

(b) The survey is expected to be completed before June 1st, 1954.

Shri Raghuramajah: May I know whether an interim report has been received from the survey party tentatively suggesting a site along the harbour area?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Yes, Sir. So far, it has been reported from the South

Circle, Bangalore, that the survey work is proceeding.

Shri Raghuramajah: My question was whether an interim report has been received from the survey party tentatively suggesting a site in the harbour area.

Shri R. G. Dubey: On that point we have no information.

Shri Telkikar: May I know the estimated cost of the project?

Shri R. G. Dubey: That is a different question altogether.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether Government consider the oil refinery industry a vital industry, and if so, in view of the new situation created by the U.S.-Pakistan military alliance, whether Government propose to cancel the agreement with Caltex for establishing the refinery through the means of that company?

Shri R. G. Dubey: No such proposal is before the Government.

NICOTINE

*1191. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of nicotine imported annually; and

(b) what proposals are under consideration of Government to encourage extraction of nicotine from tobacco waste?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Import of nicotine is not separately shown in the Customs Returns. Based on requirements, it is estimated that on an average about one ton is imported each year, at an estimated cost of Rs. 25,000.

(b) A process for the extraction of nicotine sulphate has been worked out and patented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Exploitation of this process is being negotiated with a number of parties by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: May I know the quantity of tobacco that is allowed