

attending the Economics Conference was 19.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: What is the expenditure incurred on these conferences?

Dr. M. M. Das: These professors got their usual D.A. and T.A.

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY OF THE PUNJAB

***1427. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have requested the Government of India for a proper geophysical survey of that State; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in that regard?

The Minister in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if geophysical surveys are being undertaken by the Government of India on their own, and if so, whether geophysical survey in Punjab was taken up?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have now proposed to carry out geophysical survey in the Jwalamukhi area in the Hoshiarpur district as soon as the proposed scheme, which is being considered, has been decided upon by the Government.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that there was a newspaper report saying that the Jwalamukhi area in the Hoshiarpur district is very rich in petroleum, richer perhaps than it was thought to be, and whether this fact has been taken into account in the proposed survey?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: It is very difficult to say just now anything about the richness of mines, oils, etc. in this area, but the natural rock formations of the area go to show that there may be possibilities of finding oil in those

stretches of land. It can be taken up only after the survey in the Jwalamukhi area is completed, and it all requires some time.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether Government have got any definite evidence about the existence of minerals in that area?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I thought that the hon. Member wanted to know something about the oil. There is no definite evidence about the existence of oil anywhere.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What is the staff that has been employed for the geophysical survey of India and how long it will take to complete the whole survey?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have a nucleus staff under the Geological Survey, needed for the geophysical investigations, and under the new scheme, we are expanding the staff and providing for the training of men in both wings of G.S.I.

SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

***1428. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state what major changes are likely to be made, or have already been made, in the Second Five Year Plan as regards the financial and the developmental targets, on account of the extension of the Colombo Plan after 1957, or of its becoming a permanent plan as contemplated?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): Attention is invited to the reply given on 1st December, 1954 to Starred Question No. 620. As stated therein, the broad outlines of the Second Five Year Plan have not yet been finalised: the question of making changes in the Second Five Year Plan on account of the extension of the Colombo Plan does not therefore arise.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: It is said that the report has not yet been finalised. May I know whether the factors responsible so far for shortfalls in expenditure both at the Centre