

(e) whether any foreign expert advice has been sought in the matter?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir; not yet, although some indication of gas has been found in Gogha Area of Bombay State.

(b) About 10,000 sq. miles of area forming parts of Saurashtra and Gujerat have been surveyed by magnetic method. Portions of this area near Cambay and Gogha have been surveyed by gravity method. Also some seismic investigation have been done at Gogha and currently seismic work is in progress near Cambay.

In Rajasthan gravity and magnetic surveys are being carried out in the desert tracts of Jaisalmer area.

(c) and (d), Yes, Sir. Drilling is proposed to be taken up as soon as possible during 1956-57 in the Cambay area and perhaps at a later stage in Jaisalmer, if the geophysical results indicate the probability of finding suitable structures.

(e) No, not in any specific way.

Dr. J. N. Parekh: May I know if other areas, particularly the sea-coast areas, in Saurashtra are proposed to be surveyed?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have mentioned the areas which are under survey, and at present, we do not propose to add to our existing programme.

Dr. J. N. Parekh: What is going to be the likely cost of experimental drilling and may I know whether the Planning Commission and the Government are committed to that experiment?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The results in Gogha area appear to be encouraging to us so much so that we want to include in our programme the question of drilling in the next year. If we succeed in purchasing the drills soon, we propose to start drilling in Gogha and some other areas as soon as possible.

Shri Kasliwal: How much money has been spent by Government both in Saurashtra and Rajasthan on oil exploration up to now?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have not got the details in regard to the expenditure incurred so far with me just now.

Shri M. I. Dwivedi: May I know if the hon. Minister while on a tour of the USSR was given an offer for the purchase of some equipment for the purpose of exploring oil in Saurashtra and other places, and whether Government have considered to purchase that equipment or any other equipment?

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Shri K. D. Malaviya: It is also a question which is under the examination of Government

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS Indian Missions Abroad

*1165. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Committee set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Health to advise on the standardisation and supply of furniture, furnishings, objects of arts etc., for Indian Missions abroad has finished its work;

(b) if so, the important features of the suggestions and recommendations made; and

(c) the extent to which such suggestions and recommendations have been accepted and given effect to so far?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) to (c). The advisory committee made certain recommendations on the question of supply of furnishings for residences of Heads of Indian Missions abroad. The recommendations mainly relate to standardisation of various items like crockery, cutlery, glass ware, linen, carpets, etc. These recommendations are at present under consideration.

Second Five Year Plan

*1166. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the general consideration determining the amount to be granted by the Centre to the various States, for the States' Second Five Year Plans?

Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): In determining the outlay on the Second Five Year Plans of States, the Planning Commission has broadly taken into account the population, area and the financial and other resources of State Governments. The outlay on the Second Plan is also, to some extent, governed by the tempo of Expenditure under the First Plan. According to the existing pattern of Central assistance, a large number of programmes included in the Second Five Year Plans of State Governments will receive financial assistance from the centre either in the form of loans or grants, and loans will be given for important productive schemes such as under Irrigation and Power.

Salt

*1167. **Shri Jhulan Staha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain parts of the country control on the price of salt is still in force; and

(b) if so, the justification therefor ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) and (b). Yes; certain State Governments are still continuing the control on the prices of salt, because they consider that the railway transport position is not quite satisfactory to warrant a complete decontrol over prices. The State Governments have been advised that the control should be removed as soon as the circumstances permit.

Hostile Tribesmen of N.E.F.A.

*1169. **Shri K. P. Sinha :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain documents have been recovered from the Naga National Council which prove that they inspired the hostile tribesmen of the North East Frontier Agency to indulge in violent activities; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika) : (a) Searches of some of the hideouts of the violent gangs in the Tuensang Division have revealed a number of documents issued by the N.N.C. inciting the people to violence. This has been corroborated by the statements of some of those arrested.

(b) Government have taken necessary measures to put down all violent activities and have despatched troops in aid of civil power for this purpose. Government are also glad to note the public condemnation of violence by the leaders of the N.N.C. and hope they will follow it up with sincere actions. Constant patrolling, organisation of Village defence societies and concentration on development activities have restored confidence among the people who are now fully co-operating with Government.

Labour Panel

*1171. **Shri Veeraswamy :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have appointed a Labour Panel to advise Government on problems relating to labour under the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of industries given representation on the Panel; and

(c) whether the Panel has been advised to submit to Government any report before the commencement of the Second Five Year Plan ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Members of the Labour Panel were not selected as representatives of any industry or organisation but as individuals who had considerable experience in the labour field.

(c) The Panel is not expected to submit a Report. Discussions in the Panel, however, will help the Commission in formulating the labour policies and programmes for the Second Five Year Plan.

Visit to Tibet of Kashmir Deputy Minister

*1184. **Shri Radha Raman :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have approved of the officially sponsored visit of the Deputy Minister of Kashmir to Tibet next month; and

(b) what is the duration of his visit ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda) : (a) and (b). Yes. The Government of India officially sponsored Kushak Bakula's visit to Tibet to maintain and strengthen our ancient cultural ties with Tibet.

He will be in Tibet for about 3 months.

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

*1191. **Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the various recommendations contained in the Fourteenth Report of Estimates Committee relating to the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., and

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the following recommendations:

(i) re-examination of payment of subsidy on a more rational basis;

(ii) exploitation of indigenous timber for ship-building;

(iii) expansion of the Visakhapatnam Yard, setting up of more shipyards and construction of smaller vessels; and

(iv) canalisation of expert knowledge and skill of craftsmen for building small vessels ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 18].