

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh : In what way is this arrangement between the Government and the Colombo Plan countries different from that made with the Standard Vacuum Oil Company for carrying on oil survey in this country ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The Canadian Government have contracted with some aeromagnetic companies ; they will bring their aeroplanes and magnetometers, and they will survey the area of Jaisalmer for us.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh : What are the terms offered to these aeromagnetic companies, and in what way are those terms different from those offered to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and some other companies ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : This survey has been arranged under the Colombo Plan ; so, we have not to pay anything.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : May I know whether this plan also envisages the training and association of Indian personnel for learning this particular prospecting ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Yes, generally such arrangements are made under which our people will be associated with the survey.

Shri Joachim Alva : When experts are sent out for oil prospecting, do Government make enquiries about the association of such experts with monopolistic combines like the Shell Company or the Standard Vacuum Oil Company ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : This question is specifically confined to aeromagnetic survey under the Colombo Plan in the Jaisalmer area. The arrangements that are being made for oil prospecting are much more comprehensive than those for aeromagnetic survey.

रूसी खनिज विशेषज्ञ

*६१. श्री के० सी० सोधिया : क्या प्राकृतिक संसाधन और वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने

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की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रूसी खनिज विशेषज्ञ भारतवर्ष में कितने दिन रहेंगे और उन्हें मासिक वेतन, भत्ता और अन्य दूसरी सुविधायें क्या मिलेंगी ;

(ख) क्या उनके साथ कोई भारतीय विशेषज्ञ रहेगा ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कितने और उन्हें कौनसा कार्य सौंपा जायेगा ; और

(घ) रूसी विशेषज्ञों को कौनसा विशेष कार्य सौंपा जायेगा ?

प्राकृतिक संसाधन मंत्री (श्री के० सी० सोधिया) : (क) से (घ). आवश्यक जानकारी विवरण पत्र के रूप में सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत की जाती है (देखिये परिशिष्ट १, अनुबन्ध सं० ३०)

Shri K. C. Sodhia : May I know the number of these experts ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The number of these experts is 13.

Shri K. C. Sodhia : What is the probable duration of their stay in the country ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Nothing can be said just now precisely ; but perhaps it will be more or less twelve weeks.

Shri K. C. Sodhia : May I know whether the Indian officers who have been associated with these Russian experts work along with them or they only help them ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Our technical officers concerned with this work from the Geological Survey of India and the Oil and Natural Gas Division have been associated with these experts in every possible way, so that they might get all sorts of information, and also some education.

Shri Bansal : From the Statement I find that the expert will get Rs. 95 per day, and the interpreter will get Rs. 65 per day. Besides they will get free boarding and lodging in the country, and they will have free insurance and free travelling. May I know whether Government have calculated how much all these will come to per month (gross) ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Government have given consideration to the propriety of these terms, and they consider that they are quite reasonable.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : What is the amount that is likely to be spent ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I have not calculated in terms of insurance, allotment and all that.

Shri Bansal : May I suggest that the Minister takes it from me that it will come to Rs. 25,000 per month ? Now, may I know whether on such high terms these experts were not available in any other country ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I do not know whether these figures will total upto Rs. 25,000 a month ; I shall make calculations and find out whether the hon. Member is right or not. But as I said, the terms offered to these experts are quite reasonable, and perhaps they are the cheapest also.

Shri Bansal : May I know whether attempts were made under the Colombo Plan to get these experts from any other country ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I do not think that we could have got so many experts from any foreign country under the Colombo Plan for oil exploration.

Shri Bansal : May I know whether there is some understanding with the Soviet authorities that these terms will form the basis of any future expert advice from that country, that is, if in future we require any further experts, these terms should form the basis for our getting those experts ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : No, Sir.

Shri Kelappan : May I know how many interpreters there are, and whether all of them are Russians ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : There are four interpreters.

Shri Kelappan : Are all of them Russians ?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SILVER REFINERY PROJECTS

***77. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 864 on the 18th August, 1955 and state :

(a) the progress made till the end of January, 1956 in the setting up of the Silver Refinery Project ; and

(b) when the plant will start working ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha) : (a) All the Civil and Electrical Engineering works are scheduled to be completed within about a month from now.

(b) Agreement with the Contractors for the erection of the Plant and Machinery is expected to be executed shortly and the Refinery is likely to start production in about 14 months thereafter.

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

***86. Shri S. C. Singhal :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) the over-all grants given to the Delhi University, and the Aligarh Muslim University during the four years ending 31st March, 1954; and

(b) the purposes for which they were given ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 31.]

INDIAN MILITARY MISSION FOR EGYPT

***92. Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Military Mission is going to visit Egypt shortly ; and