

Religious Teachers

*547. **Shri Hem Raj**: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of *padris* and religious teachers employed from 1952, upto June, 1956, year-wise, in the Defence Forces in India?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): The information is not available and will have to be collected from the formations and units. Government consider that the time, labour and expense involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the results that are likely to be achieved.

General Elections

*548. **Shri Kamath** Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies have, with a view to expediting preparations for the General Elections been tentatively re-delimited; and

(b) if so, on what basis has the re-delimitation been done?

The Minister of Legal Affairs (Shri Pataskar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Fifth Oil Refinery

*549. **T. B. Vittal Rao**: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1297 on the 9th April, 1956 and state;

(a) at what stage is the proposal for setting up a fifth oil refinery at Calcutta by the Assam Oil Company; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the company is proposing to lay a pipe line of 690 miles from Assam to Calcutta?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). The tentative proposals of the Assam Oil Company for the formation of a Rupee Company or companies for production and refining of Assam Oil are under discussion with them.

Oil Company

*550. { **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty**;
Shri Ram Krishan;
Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy;
Shri Dabendra Nath Sarma;

Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be

pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2028 on the 8th May, 1956 and state how far the negotiations with the Assam Oil Company over the question of setting up a new Rupee Company to exploit the Oil in the newly found oil fields in Assam have progressed?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): As the negotiations with the Assam Oil Company are still in progress, it will not be in the public interest to discuss the details.

भारत-तिब्बत गवेषणा संस्था

*५५१. श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या शिक्षण मंत्री १२ मार्च, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ६४१ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कालिम्पींग में भारत-तिब्बत गवेषणा संस्था को स्थापित करने की दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है?

शिक्षण उपमंत्री (डा० म० मो० दास): यह विषय अभी विचाराधीन है।

Grants to Engineering Schools in Bihar

*552. **Shri Jhulan Saha**: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether any grant has been given during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 to—

- (i) School of Civil Engineering, Ranchi;
- (ii) School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Sindri; and
- (iii) School of Civil Engineering, Bhagalpur?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): A statement showing the grants paid to these Schools during 1954-55 and 1955-56 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 52.]

M.E.S. Employees

*553. **Sardar Iqbal Singh**: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct residential quarters for all categories of M.E.S. employees in Northern Command; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?