

Shri Pataskar: The Boeings are expected to arrive here by about 1960 and before that the Department is anxious that we should have an international airport which can accommodate such large aircraft.

Southern Regional Higher Technological Institute

*86. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken with regard to the location of the Southern Regional Higher Technological Institute;

(b) if so, the name of the place selected;

(c) whether any site has been acquired; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent during the year 1957-58 for this purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

(d) No financial provision has yet been made in the budget for 1957 for the Institute.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know the reasons for the delay in finalising the location of this Institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The present position is that the Regional Committee has recommended that the Institute should be located in Madras and the Co-ordinating Committee has also endorsed this recommendation; and the Madras Government are looking for sites. As soon as that is finalised, the Government will take necessary action.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether there is any proposal to take over the present Engineering College at Guindy, Madras and locate this Southern Regional Institute there?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: There was such a proposal at an earlier stage but there is no such proposal now.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know when the work regarding the construction of buildings for housing this Institute will be taken up?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: As early as possible in the Second Five Year Plan.

Dr. Rama Rao: The hon. Minister has stated that no amount has been allocated for this in 1957-58. When they are looking for the site, what is the reason for not even provisionally allocating some funds for this Institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Rs. 7.5 crores have been provided in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of this Institute as well as the other 2 Institutes. Now, as soon as the arrangements are finalised, Government will make the necessary provision for the development of this Institute.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: May I know whether foreign offers of technical advice in this regard are under consideration and, if so, whether any of them will be utilised in the case of the proposed Southern Regional Institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The Federal Republic of West Germany has offered assistance in the establishment of one Technological Institute and the Government will certainly take advantage of this offer.

Election Day

*87. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some of the Government concerns and offices did not declare the various dates of elections as regional holidays?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Instructions were issued early in February that the Central Government offices in the various States should remain closed on the respective polling date(s) in a particular area(s). Instructions were also issued about the same time

by the Ministry of Labour that workers in Government concerns should be given all reasonable facilities to exercise their franchise. Government are not aware of any case in which these instructions were not observed.

Shri Wodeyar: May I know whether the various State Governments had requested the private concerns to declare holidays on election dates?

Shri Datar: That is what Government did. Government issued a Press Note and requested all the employers to give facilities to their labour in this respect.

Rajmata Kamalendu Mati Shah: May I know whether it is true that in spite of Government's instructions to the contrary, teachers and children took part in the election campaign and propaganda?

Shri Datar: That is entirely a different question; that has nothing to do with holidays.

Shri Keshavalengar: May we know whether large numbers of the labour population in the city of Bangalore could not exercise their franchise on account of the fact that the mills would not close in spite of these instructions?

Shri Datar: Government are not aware of it.

Shri Thimmalah: Is it a fact that Government factories like the Hindustan Aircraft did not declare holidays and, as a consequence, there was poor polling in those booths?

Shri Datar: May I point out to the hon. Member that instructions were issued to all the Government concerns to give holidays on the election dates?

Oil in West Bengal

*88. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 416 on the 26th November, 1956 and state:

(a) when oil drilling in West Bengal will commence;

(b) whether any location has been settled; and

(c) who is in charge of the drilling work?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) By about the middle of April, 1957.

(b) Yes, Sir. The site selected is about two miles from Burdwan.

(c) The Standard-Vacuum Oil Company.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether priority lists for such locations have been prepared by Government for drilling operations in all points?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know what the hon. Member means by drilling points. There is only one point which has been selected after two years of hard investigation where drilling may give us some further scope. There is not more than one point.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it a fact that in no other place there is a possibility of any such oil being found?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I did not say so.

श्री सिहासन सिंह : क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में हिमालया की तराई के क्षेत्रों में तेल के बारे में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है, खासकर उन क्षेत्रों में जहाँ कि पानी के साथ तेल मिला पाया जाता है ?

Mr. Speaker: This relates to West Bengal.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In the area which are going to be drilled in the middle of 1957, may I know whether the investigation reports reveal what will be the quantum of oil that is likely to be available from these areas?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have just now completed the geological and geophysical investigations of this area, and the first hole is going to be drilled and it might give us some further clues about the elementary structure of the area. Nothing can still be said about the quantity or quality of the