

(b) whether it has been found commercially feasible to exploit oil in these areas; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) *Janauri*: The results of the seismic refraction survey which has been completed recently are being computed.

Bathula: The *Bathula* deep well No. 1, is under production test to find out possibility of oil and gas

(b) It is too early to say.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What is the latest position with regard to exploration at *Bathula*? Is it still continuing or has it been given up?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The drilling of the deep well No. 1 has been completed. It was completed about four or five months back. I do not remember the exact month. After the completion of the well it was discovered by instrumental investigations that in this well there are about ten or twelve different layers which are worth investigating by perforating the horizons and producing gas or oil. Usually, we start from the bottom. Before these tests are started, lots of preparations are made. The well is cemented, casing is lowered. It takes two or three months. After that, one by one each layer is perforated and we have to wait for about 8 to 12 days or sometimes 15 days for saline water to come from each of the layers and then to reject it or get oil or gas. In this process, we are just now engaged. The bottom lowermost horizon has been tested and after saline water test, it has been rejected. We have plugged it and come to the second. These two lowermost horizons were not of very much hope or interest. Higher up, we are going to test and it will take another 6 or 8 weeks to complete all the horizon tests from *Bathula* Well No. 1.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: After the long statement, there ought to be no supplementary.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That is what I thought.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I have so many. May I know which foreign Consultant is helping us so far as these investigations in *Janauri* are concerned?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Not a single foreign personnel is helping in the investigations at *Janauri*. Indian technicians are doing it. The seismic test has been completed and the data are being interpreted.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the *Janauri* structure extends from the plains of Punjab round about *Hoshiarpur* to the Himalayan foothills in the *Kangra* valley and if so, whether this initial geological survey that we conducted was conducted all over the area or was it limited to particular places?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This long *Janauri* structure has been mapped out geologically by the Indian team. After that, at various places where the technicians think investigations should be pursued, those separate areas will now be taken one by one. Just now we have taken up seismic investigation i.e. (by sound method). It has been completed. We have to interpret the data.

Shri Daljit Singh: May I know what steps have been taken in starting drilling operations in *Janauri* and when it is expected to start?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Drilling in *Janauri* will only start after computation of seismic investigations is completed and it is found hopeful and encouraging.

Aboriginal Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 340 on the 24th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether any improvement has been noticed in the conditions of aboriginals in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after the ameliorative measures were undertaken; and

(b) the amount spent up-to-date for their welfare?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Shri B. C. Majhi: May I know what are the main ameliorative measures that have been taken?

Shrimati Alva: We have laid a statement on the Table of the House. There are seven in all. Shall I read them?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: No, no. The statement has been laid.

Shri B. C. Majhi: May I know whether the tribes living there are not recognised as Scheduled Tribes in the Constitution (the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Orders) and whether they are entitled to get the facilities which are provided in the Constitution for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Shrimati Alva: They are declared as Scheduled Tribes. It is a recent order.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know what attempts the Government have made to improve the economic conditions of the aboriginal tribes in Andamans and Nicobar?

Shrimati Alva: A number of schemes have been started under the Second Five Year Plan. With your permission, I would read out the 9 schemes: Tribal welfare schemes—the usual schemes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Are they contained in the statement?

Shrimati Alva: Yes, Sir. That is also given in the statement.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Then, need not be read out.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether any attempt has been made for better housing of these tribes?

Shrimati Alva: That comes under the welfare schemes.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs is carrying on researches on aboriginal tribes in the Andamans and has given suggestions, and may I know whether those suggestions have been taken into consideration?

Shrimati Alva: In the Andamans, there are several tribes out of which the most progressive tribe is in the Nicobar islands. There are Andamanese, Jaravas, Onges, Shompens and Nicobaris. In the Andamans, the Jaravas are far away. They are forest dwellers. The others are also forest dwellers. With the Jaravas, we have no contact at all. Unless they become friendly, we cannot do anything to them.

Shri B. C. Majhi: When was the Schedule Tribes Order issued?

Shrimati Alva: It was issued 6 or 8 months ago.

Manufacture of Trucks and Tractors

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