

number of places in Kanchipuram taluk in Madras;

(b) if so, the quantity of the coal discovered; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken for the commercial exploitation of the deposits?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajar-mavis):** (a) No deposit of coal has been discovered in Kanchipuram taluk so far. Possibilities of occurrence of coal have been surmised from bore-hole cuttings while drilling for water at a few places.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Superior Grade Coal

1018. { Shri Warrior:  
Shri Eswara Reddy:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to import superior grade coal from abroad in the near future;

(b) if so, the purpose of such imports; and

(c) the quantity and value of coal to be imported in this respect?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (c). The possibility of importing coking coal from abroad has been mooted in connection with certain Fourth Plan proposals and the manufacture of pig iron in blast furnaces. No final decisions has, however, been taken in the matter.

#### Peking Broadcasts

1019. { Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri R. G. Dubey:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that news regarding day-to-day events in India 2535 (A) L.S.D.—3.

is broadcast from Peking earlier than from the AIR on the basis of information supplied by certain elements in India through transmitters; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made to trace out on what particular metre the messages are transmitted?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Educational Facilities to Students Joining Army

1020. **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give facilities to such of those students who join the army, to complete their courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) and (b). As far as University students are concerned, the Government of India has the matter under consideration in consultation with the University Grants Commission.

#### Oil Refineries in India

1021. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri P. Kunhan:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
Shri Mantri:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing refining capacity of the oil refineries in India; and

(b) steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase the refining capacity?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) 8.55 million tons per annum.

(b) Preparatory steps have been taken to expand the public sector refineries at Nunmati, Barauni and Koyalı from 4.75 million tons per annum to about 7.25 million tons, by 1965/66 along with private sector from 6.4 to 7.8 million tons. A new refinery of a capacity of about 2.5 million tons per annum is also proposed to be established at a suitable location in South India.

#### **Power Package Set for Singareni Collieries**

**1022. Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether import licence has since been issued to Messrs. Singareni Collieries Company for the purchase of 17 to 18 thousand Kilowatt package set;

(b) if so, from which country this package set is being imported; and

(c) what is the approximate cost of this set?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Government of India have sanctioned the release of necessary foreign exchange to enable the Singareni Collieries Company to purchase 3 generator sets of 6 MWs each.

(b) On the basis of tenders received, quotations from Rumania have been accepted and the sets are, therefore, to be imported from there.

(c) Rs. 116 lakhs.

#### **Amounts Sanctioned to Singareni Collieries**

**1023. Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 201 on the 10th November, 1962 and state the amount that has so far been given to Singareni Colliery Company Limited during 1962-63?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** Loans have

been sanctioned in favour of the Company, for the entire amount of Rs. 200 lakhs provided in the revised budget estimates for 1962-63 for the Company.

#### **International Year of the Quiet Sun**

**1024. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to participate in the programme of the International Year of the Quiet Sun; and

(b) if so, the details of India's scheduled plan in connection therewith, together with its financial implications?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's plan covers participation in all the geophysical disciplines included in the international programme, namely, ionospheric physics, aurora and airglow, geomagnetism, cosmic rays, aeronomy, meteorology and solar activity, much in the same scale as in the International Geophysical Year. There will be a greater emphasis on space research techniques than in the IGY. The programmes form part of the normal plan of work of the participating organizations, and therefore do not involve special financial commitments of a large magnitude excepting in the case of space research.

#### **Central Fuel Research Institute, Jealgora**

**1025. Shri Bishanchander Seth:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Fuel Research Institute, Jealgora has developed a process for solidifying petrol for use in high altitude operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;