(c) A Special Committee has been set up by the University Grants Commission to examine the matter in detail, and the report of the Committee is awaited.

Madras and Haldia Refineries

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Shri Sezhiyan: Shri Vishram Prasad: Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: Shri P. C. Borooah: Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Shri R. S. Pandey: Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: Shri A. V. Raghavan: Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: 190. ∠ Shri B. N. Kureel: Shri M. R. Krishna: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Kajrolkar: Shri K. N. Tiwary: Shri Mohammad Elias: Shri M. Rampure: Shri D. J. Naik: Shri C. M. Kedaria: Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty.

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the negotiations which were going on between the Government of India and some foreign oil companies regarding their collaboration in the setting up of Madras and Haldia refineries have concluded; and
 - (b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):
(a) No, Sir. The negotiations are still continuing.

(b) Does not arise.

Literacy Drive in Delhi

Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:

Will the Minister of Education be

pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration has launched a drive to wipe out illiteracy from villages in the Union territory of Delhi;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted to enquire as to how many persons in the villages are illiterate:
- (c) if so, how the authorities concerned are going to give them education; and
- (d) if so, whether other State Governments or Union territories have been asked to introduce similar programme in their States?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) By engaging part-time workers for imparting education to the illiterates under the guidance and supervision of field staff of Social Education Department of Directorate of Education, Delhi.
- (d) Other State Governments and Union Territories Administrations are implementing approved programmes of adult education.

Degree Course in Human Geography

192. Shri R. G. Dubey: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that M.A. degree course in Human Geography introduced in Delhi University some years back is not working satisfactorily; and
- (b) what are the main features of this scheme?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Enrolment to the course is not sufficient, but the position is expected to improve with the introduction of B.A. (Hons.) Course in geography in two colleges selected for the purpose by the University.