

कोर्स के मध्य बनी भारतीय कालोनी तथा उस के निवासियों को पूर्णतया नष्ट कर दिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह) : (क) से (ग). पाकिस्तानी सेनाओं द्वारा किये गये हमले के कारण विस्थापित होने वाले किसी भारतीय परिवार अथवा मरने वाले किसी भारतीय राष्ट्रिक के बारे में सरकार को कोई जानकारी नहीं है ।

(घ) ढाका रेम कोर्स के मध्य में कोई भारतीय कालोनी नहीं थी ।

Oil found at Kusijan in Assam

53. SHRI R. KADANAPALLI : Will the PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether some oil was found recently at Kusijan in Assam;

(b) what would be the capacity of this oil-field for producing crude in a year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve this oil-field ?

PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Of the 4 wells drilled in Kusijan, only one produced a small quantity of oil. Further tests showed that the well was of poor calibre, incapable of sustaining continuous production. Two more wells were therefore drilled but neither of these wells established oil production. Evidence obtained so far indicates that oil prospects in the immediate vicinity of Kusijan are poor.

Expenditure on Indian High Commission in London

54. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the VIDESH MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of staff employed in the Indian High Commission in London at present and the expenditure being incurred on the Mission yearly;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to minimise the expenditure on this Mission; and

(c) if so, what steps have already been taken ?

VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the table of the House.

Statement

The strength of the officers and staff of the High Commission of India, London, under the administrative and budgetary control of the Ministry of External Affairs in 1971 is as follows :

(i) India-based	...	65
(ii) Local-based	...	252

The annual budgeted expenditure for 1971-72 of the departments of the High Commission under the administrative and budgetary control of the Ministry of External Affairs is Rs.126.46 lakhs.

The question of economy consistent with functional effectiveness of the High Commission of India, London, is continuously under Government scrutiny and attention.

The High Commission of India, London was inspected thrice by the Foreign Service Inspectors during the period 1967 to 1971 with accent on its staffing pattern. Recently 25 posts were reduced and 14 posts are being kept vacant in the departments under the administrative and budgetary control of the Ministry of External Affairs. As compared to last year, this year a net annual recurring saving of Rs. 6.95 lakhs is anticipated.

In 1968-69 there were 745 posts in all the Departments of the High Commission of India, London, under the control of various Ministries of the Government of India including the Ministry of External Affairs. In 1970-71 the number of posts was reduced to 646. There was thus an overall reduction of 99 posts in two years. The expenditure for 1968-69 on all the Departments of the High