

दिलचस्पी रखने वाली जापान में तथा भारत में स्थित जापानी फ़र्मों के कुछ प्रतिनिधि कनिज लोहे के भावी व्यापार के सम्बन्ध में राज्य व्यापार निगम से पूछताछ करने के लिये मिले थे। भारत सरकार से इस मामले में कोई भी सम्पर्क नहीं किया गया है।

#### Engineering Personnel Committee

\*1212. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Engineering Personnel Committee has submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the main recommendation<sup>s</sup> thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to implement these recommendations?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) Yes, Sir. Printed copies of the Report have already been supplied to Members of Parliament.

(b) A summary of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee is given at pages 40 to 44 of the Report.

(c) The Report is under consideration.

#### Oil Refineries in Trombay

\*1213. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the capital outlay on each of the Burmah-Shell and Stanvac Refineries in Trombay; and

(b) the working results of the Burmah-Shell and Stanvac refineries for the first year of their working?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):**

(a) The capital of the Burmah-Shell Refineries in Trombay as on 31st December 1955 was 24.74 crores and that of the Stanvac, 12.66 crores (approximately).

(b) The working results of the Burmah-Shell Refineries are contained in their balance sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31-12-1955, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The audited accounts of the Standard-Vacuum Refinery for the year ending 31-12-1955 have not still been officially received.

#### National Instruments Factory, Calcutta

\*1215. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state

whether it is a fact that the National Instruments Factory, Calcutta has been a losing concern?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** No, Sir, not since 1954-55.

#### Pilot Plant at Ghatsila

\*1218. **Shri Jaipal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Pilot Plant at Ghatsila;

(b) the quantum of copper tailings made available by the Indian Copper Corporation; and

(c) the plans, if any, for the beneficiation of low grade uranium ores?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Out of the 11 items of machinery for the Pilot Plant ordered from abroad, 10 items have already been received and installed. One item, *vis.* the Thickener is expected to be received by the end of October, 1956. If the same is received by the anticipated date, the Plant is expected to go into scheduled production by March, 1957.

(b) The total quantity of copper tailings made available from the Indian Copper Corporation is about 900 tons per day.

(c) The plans so far have been to carry on tests for up-grading all low grade Uranium Ores at the Chemistry Division Laboratory of the Department of Atomic Energy at Bombay and the National Metallurgical Laboratory at Jamshedpur. On completion of tests on any ore, the reserves for which have been adequately proved, Pilot Plant testing will be carried out, if necessary at the Plant at Ghatsila.

#### One-Room Tenements

\*1220. **Shri R. P. Garg:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Medical Association had advised the Government of India against constructing one-room tenements for health reasons;

(b) if so, what led the Government to disregard the advice;

(c) whether despite this advice Government are going ahead with the construction of more one-room tenements; and

(d) what were the suggestions put before the Planning Commission by the Indian Medical Association and to what extent these will be implemented in the course of the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar):** (a) Yes, Sir.