

Engineering Colleges

1140. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shrimati Laxmi Bai:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3682 on the 9th May, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the scheme for the establishment of 8 new Engineering Colleges and 27 new Diploma institutions has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and location of the institutions?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Not yet, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Survey in Dasuya

1141. Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 377 on the 21st February, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the seismic survey of Dasuya area in Punjab for finding oil has been completed;

(b) if so, whether it indicates any possibility of finding oil there;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake extensive exploration of this area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The results are being computed in detail. Further programme of work in this area will be considered after the completion of evaluation of the results of seismic survey.

Employees in Bhilai and Durgapur Steel Plants

1142. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers employed in the Steel Plants at Bhilai and Durgapur;

(b) how many of them are provided with quarters; and

(c) the number of quarters proposed to be constructed during 1958-59?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). It is understood from the Hindustan Steel Private Limited that the number of workers employed by the project authorities in Bhilai is 13,128 and in Durgapur 1,800. Quarters have been provided for 3,054 and 557 respectively.

(c) The Company proposes to construct 4250 quarters during 1958-59 in Bhilai and 1,400 in Durgapur.

Development of Educational Institutions

1143. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 5 crores provided in the Second Five Year Plan for the improvement and development of educational institutions at the Collegiate level have not been entrusted to the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of Rs. 5 crores made to the Ministry of Education was meant for the improvement and development of university education in affiliated colleges. At the time of making this provision in the Second Five Year Plan, the University Grants Commission was not competent to give grants to affiliated colleges, as its