

की प्र० कु० सचिव उन चीजों का स्वीयम में जाने की बात है जो कि लोगों के पास है।

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श्री हुमायून् कबिर यह सवाल तब बहा पर उठता नहीं है, लेकिन मैं धीरे-धीरे मन्बर को यह बतला सकता हूँ कि बाहर की चीजें खरीदने के लिये एक प्राईवेट पब्लिक कमेटी है उसके जरिये हम हमेशा यह काशिश करते हैं कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा चीजें खरीदी जाय।

Shri S A Mehdi: Has Government any agency to take any inventory or to ask the private people to give a list or something of the old things that they have collected?

Shri Humayun Kabir I have just now stated that we do try to purchase from private collections, but I do not think it is possible to make an inventory of all the different items in all the different private collections

Soviet Aid for Oil Exploration

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Shri Achar
Shri Narayanankutty Menon
Shri Punnoose
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi
Pandit Munishwar Dutt
Upadhyay:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi
Shri Hem Barua
Shri P C Borooah
Shri P G Deb

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether any agreement has been concluded between India and USSR for assistance in exploration and drilling of oil in India and

(b) if so what is the nature of the agreement?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b) Some contracts have been entered into with

the USSR authorities for the purchase of drilling rigs, accessories and other equipments and assignment of the Soviet experts to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for the execution of some of the projects being undertaken by the Commission

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether it is a fact that a Rs 30 crores scheme was prepared by the Government of India on the advice of the USSR experts, and, if so, the amount that USSR has offered, and whether they have also offered any technical collaboration?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The plan that was prepared by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission with the help of the USSR experts in 1956 had no relation with the advances or loans to be advanced by that Government

Shri Jaipal Singh. Sir, I am subject to correction by the hon Minister, but the general impression I have gained so far from his replies has been to the effect that as far as the public sector is concerned

Mr Deputy-Speaker. If he puts his question, perhaps, he might not require any correction

Shri Jaipal Singh: In regard to oil exploration agreements I find that he talks only over the red area, and in the private sector there are people from the "blue area" I find that agreements in the public sector, whether it is for the purchase of equipments or whatever else it is, they are all with the red area Is there any special reason why other areas have been kept out of it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya. There is no special reason The Government of India always welcome collaboration or association with any party which wants to help us in the oil exploration programmes within the industrial policy resolution My hon friend is not perhaps aware that already some private oil companies are exploring for oil in this country The Assam Oil Company are searching for oil in Assam The Standard Vacuum Oil Company are searching for oil in

Bengal. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission is searching for oil in certain other areas

Shri Jaipal Singh: I am fully aware of all the other people in the private sector, but where the public sector is in action I find that only the Reds are participating in it and not others

Shri K. D. Malaviya: USSR is helping the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in regard to the supply of equipment and in regard to technical assistance and collaboration in technical research. It is most welcome to us if anybody else gives us that aid that too will be welcome. As a matter of fact, the Americans and Germans are helping us in the matter of technical advice.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether the Government is aware that an Indian mechanic of Dehra Dun manufactured a drill which was exhibited in the last exhibition, and, if so whether any attempt is being made to manufacture that drilling machine in India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any Indian mechanic manufacturing any drilling equipment. A drilling equipment is a complex of a large number of machineries and parts which may be manufactured in various units of this country. The whole question is being examined, and I am quite confident that most of it can be done here purely with the help of our Indian experts and mechanical engineers. If any designs and other things are wanted, we shall surely approach all other parties including the USSR for such help.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: Apart from technical assistance, may I know whether there is any financial assistance from the USSR?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far the equipments purchased from USSR are under a contract where certain conditions of payment have been laid down. If those conditions of payment suit us we can say that there is a certain amount of assistance.

Shri P. C. Boreeah: May I know at which of the places in the country just at present oil exploration and drilling is going on with USSR collaboration?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Drilling is not going on anywhere with the collaboration of USSR experts. Drilling and oil exploration in the public sector is completely being handled by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission of the Government of India. We have some foreign technicians, more especially Russians and Rumanians, who have come forward to help us with their own equipments and also experience. We are taking that experience in order to learn and to advance our work.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is it true that while equipment is forthcoming there is no active and swift programme for drilling more wells in the public sector?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Perhaps the hon. Member has a complaint that although equipments are arriving at a fast rate drilling is not going on at that proportionate speed. I do not accept the situation as has been made out by the hon. Member. As a matter of fact, there had been some delays in the arrival of drilling equipments. When the drilling equipments arrived at Bombay there were heavy rains. We are now constructing roads and, perhaps, by the end of winter we shall have caught up with the programme.

Shri P. N. Singh: May I know whether the help given by the technical experts through this agreement will be utilised by the Government in the public sector only or will it also be utilised in the private sector?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The help sought by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission will be utilised by the Commission in the public sector.

Manufacture of Trucks and Tractors

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(a) whether it is a fact that the agreements entered into with the