

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the demands of the striking employees?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). About 186 workers of a civil engineering contractor went on strike on the 13th June 1961 as a protest against the retrenchment of two workers by the contractor.

(c) A settlement was reached between the civil engineering contractor and the workers' union on the 18th June 1961 under which the contractor agreed to withdraw the retrenchment notice served on the two workers.

Purchase of Arms from U.S.A.

560. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into an agreement with the Government of United States for the purchase of arms; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the deal and what kind of weapons have been agreed to by the U.S. Government for supply to India?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Examination for Selection of Section Officers in Central Secretariat

561. Shri Balraj Madhok: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) when the result of the Competitive Examination held by the Union Public Service Commission in June 1960 for Selection of Assistants of the Central Secretariat Service for promotion to the Regular Temporary Establishment of Section Officers was declared;

(b) how many persons have been declared successful and recommended by the Union Public Service Commission for appointment as Section Officers;

(c) whether the appointment orders have been issued in respect of persons declared successful and recommended by the U.P.S.C.; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and the date by which necessary orders will be issued?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) On the 24th April 1961.

(b) Forty-four.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

Oil in Ankleshwar

562. Shri Rajendra Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil has been struck in Ankleshwar at well No. 14 on the 20th July, 1961;

(b) if so, what are the estimated reserves of oil in this well; and

(c) what are the total estimated reserves of oil in these several wells worked in this area at Ankleshwar since the beginning of this year?

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

(b) The reserves of oil are not estimated for individual wells.

(c) It will be possible to make an assessment of available oil reserves in Ankleshwar area only after the wells have been put under production for some time during trial production.

Students in Polytechnics

563. { **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:**
Shri P. G. Deb:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students in Government-sponsored