

**Foreign Collaboration for Oil
Exploration**

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Shri Hem Barua:

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

(a) what success was achieved by the Minister of Mines and Oil in his summer tour of foreign countries undertaken for exploring the possibilities of foreign collaboration in oil exploration in India;

(b) the areas of oil exploration regarding which collaboration is sought, and

(c) the present position of oil exploration and foreign collaboration?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (**Shri K. D. Malaviya**): (a) As a result of discussions held in France, an understanding was reached with the authorities of the French Petroleum Institute—a French Government undertaking—for carrying out petroleum exploration in Jaisalmer area in Rajasthan State for a period of three years. The details of the proposed credit arrangement in this connection are being negotiated between the Government of India and the Government of France. In Italy, E.N.I.'s proposal for collaboration in oil exploration was further discussed and this resulted in an alternative offer from E.N.I., namely a credit offer of 20 million dollars in the form of specialised services etc., on a deferred payment basis. This offer (apart from the earlier offer of 100 million dollar credit for oil industry projects) is under consideration.

(b) The arrangement with French Petroleum Institute relates to a part

of Jaisalmer area; for the proposed collaboration with E.N.I. the area or areas of operation will be selected by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and E.N.I.

(c) Apart from the understanding with the French Petroleum Institute and the proposed credit arrangements with E.N.I., a supplement Agreement was signed on the 27th July, 1961 with the Burmah Oil Company modifying the existing Oil India Limited agreement. Negotiations with Standard Vacuum and Continental Oil Companies are presently in a state of suspension; negotiations may be resumed with Companies.

Printing of Standard Text-Books

2026. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme of setting up a printing press with the help of the West German Government for producing cheap and standard, text-books for educational institutions;

(b) the estimated cost and capacity of the printing press aforesaid;

(c) whether there is any scheme to supply free of cost text-books to primary classes after the printing press is installed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava**): (a) to (d). The Government of West Germany has offered the gift of a printing press worth about 1 million German Marks. Further negotiations are in progress. It is proposed to use this Press, when installed, for printing text-books and children's books, mainly for the Union Territories. The press is expected to enable us to produce better books at less cost. The question of the supply of free text-book is not an integral part of this scheme.