

Noonmati Refinery

1634. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shrimati Manida Ahmed:

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

(a) whether the workers of the Noonmati Oil Refinery in a meeting held in the middle of September demanded re-employment of the workers retrenched from the construction of the refinery, provision of civil amenities for the workers and their families and payment of compensation for land acquired for the railway marshalling yard; and

(b) if so, what action has since been taken by Government on these demands?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir, but the question of payment of compensation was not raised in the meeting, nor does it concern the Indian Refineries Limited.

(b) Steps are being taken to assist the workers, to be retrenched in securing alternative employment at the Barauni Refinery Project or elsewhere as far as possible. Medical and water facilities have been provided to all the employees and their families. Arrangements for the accommodation of about 100 key personnel have so far been made.

Oil Technicians

1635. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the availability and shortfall of oil technicians in India;

(b) the number of foreign oil technicians employed in the country at present; and

(c) the scheme for having more Indian oil technicians during the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) While geologi-

cal and geophysical personnel are available, there is shortage on the Drilling-Engineering and Refining side.

(b) About 200 in the Public Sector undertakings.

(c) Arrangements have been made for the training of Indian technicians both in India and abroad to gradually replace the foreign personnel.

School Mid-day Meal Programme

1636. **Shri N. E. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance India gets from the U.S.A. for school mid-day meal programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that CARE (Cooperative for American Related Every-where) promised supply to the children are misused by sale in open market on a commercial basis;

(c) if so, what steps are taken by Government to prevent such sales; and

(d) whether any report has been received by Government as to the misuse of milk powder and butter received from America for the use of poor children?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No assistance is received from the Government of U.S.A. for the programme of Mid-day Meals for School Children.

(b) and (d). No complaints have been received about the misuse of milk powder and other commodities received under an agreement with CARE.

(c) Does not arise.

Education in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering

1637. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Assessment for Technical and Professional