

(b) if so, the main features of the tests carried out and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The laboratory experiments conducted at the Institute showed encouraging results for conversion of Assam coal to oil by direct hydrogenation. A Pilot Plant is being set up for the development of the process.

Stenographers Training for Adivasis Candidates in M.P.

6231. **SHRI MARTAND SINGH:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have launched any scheme to impart stenography training to unemployed educated candidates belonging to Adivasis in the State of Madhya Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the main points of the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Engine developed by a Professor which can increase power if plain water is added with petrol

6232. **SHRI LAMBODAR BALIYAR:** Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a Professor of Mar Athanasius College in Kothamangalam has developed an engine which can have 40 per cent more

power if plain water is injected with petrol and fuel;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter; and

(c) whether such a project will be encouraged by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has asked experts to give their views on the feasibility of using oil-water mix for better fuel efficiency. It will decide on the next step to be taken in the light of the views expressed by these experts.

Welfare of Employees in Kerala Circle

6233 **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) brief outline of the steps Government propose to take in the Kerala Circle of the Post and Telegraph Department for the welfare of the workers in that Circle including that of providing housing facilities to them; and

(b) the total amount spent during the Fourth Plan for this purpose in the above Circle and the amount allotted during the Fifth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

Coir Research Centres in Kerala under F.A.O.

6234. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: