

Industrial Demand for Coal

1016. { Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial demand for coal has shown a sharp decline recently;

(b) if so, extent of the fall in consumption and reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The despatches of coal, which are based on consumer demand, have increased to about 5 million tonnes per month towards January, 1963, as compared to about 3.15 million tonnes in January, 1962. It is thus not a fact that the overall industrial demand for coal has shown a sharp decline. What may have happened is that, due to the increase in production and the improvement in rail transport, all important industrial consumers are well-stocked with coal and complaints about shortages which were so frequent about 6 months ago have practically ceased. In any case, an assessment of the trend in the consumer demand is being made.

Degree in Petroleum Technology

1017. { Shri Bade:
Shri Kachhaviya:
Shri Berwa Kotah:

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

(a) the number of institutions in the country where a degree course in petroleum technology is offered;

(b) the number of students who have taken degree in this subject so far during the past five years;

(c) how many of them have been absorbed in service in the public sector industries; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure employment for those who are still unemployed?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Only Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, is offering degree course in Petroleum Technology.

(b) The four-year degree course was started in 1957. So far two batches of students totalling 45 have come out during 1961 and 1962.

(c) 37.

(d) Question does not arise because of the remaining 8, 6 have gone abroad for training and 2 are otherwise employed.

बम्बई में अनुसंधान केन्द्र

१०१८. श्री बेरवा कोटा : क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है बम्बई में जीव विज्ञान और अणु जीव विज्ञान का एक अनुसंधान केन्द्र खोला जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कितनी लागत का होगा और कब तक पूरा हो जायगा;

(ग) क्या इस में विदेशी मुद्रा लगाई जायेगी, और यदि हां, तो कितनी;

(घ) क्या यह किसी विदेशी सहायता से बनाया जा रहा है, और यदि हां, तो किस देश की सहायता से ?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायून कबिर) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) तक. सवाल पैदा नहीं होता ।

Rifle Shortage

1019. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received numerous complaints, that the