

Evening Colleges

138. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided to open at least one evening college in every State for employed persons;

(b) if so, in how many States such colleges have started functioning; and

(c) whether the duration of the courses in these colleges would be longer than in regular colleges?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No, Sir. A scheme for giving grants for starting of Evening Colleges is, however, under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Expert Committee on Correspondence Courses and Evening Colleges has not made any recommendation regarding the duration of the courses in Evening Colleges. It is left to the organisers to draft their own rules and regulations according to local conditions.

Oil Refinery at Cochin

139. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Vishwanath Pandey:
Shri Morarka:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Himatsingka:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 11-member site-selection Committee appointed by Government has selected the site for establishing an oil refinery in Cochin;

(b) if so, when the construction is likely to start; and

(c) how much land would be required for the purpose and the progress made so far in setting up the refinery?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. The area in which the refinery is to be located has been tentatively selected. A decision regarding the actual site will be taken after assessing the soil and other technical data.

(b) Construction work will be taken in hand after the site has been selected.

(c) Approximately 500 acres of land will be required for the refinery.

A Company, in terms of the Agreement entered into between the Government of India and the Phillips Petroleum Company, is being incorporated. Arrangements have been completed in regard to raising of funds that will be required by the Company. The State Government are taking steps to acquire the land for the refinery.

Shortfall in Technical Education

140. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has indicated that there has been a shortfall in technical education;