

Devan tea planters refused to give sufficient tea leaves?

Shri Humayun Kabir: No, Sir; not because of that. It was found that for making 60 tons of caffeine—an economic unit—we would need about 15,000 tons of top tea prunings, at a cost of Rs. 100 per ton. The cost would be something like a lakh of rupees per ton which would be prohibitive.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Why were the economics not worked out before bringing the plant into India and what are the main reasons for the present failure?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There is no question of any present failure. Plants have not been brought. The Soviet experts gave us four schemes, of which this was one. The other three are going ahead very satisfactorily and when we started working out the details of this scheme, we ran into difficulties. Therefore, from the very beginning we want to take care to see that there is no uneconomic utilisation of the resources of the country.

Motels

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*642. { **Shri N. R. Laskar:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 193 on the 21st August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Company has since examined the proposal for construction of Motels; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Oil Company has planned to provide as a complement to

Filling Stations, lodging and boarding facilities at selected points on National Highways for transport operators on a utilitarian basis. Actual size of construction will depend on the importance of the location and other relevant factors.

Shri N. R. Laskar: May I know whether the Minister is in a position to tell us, along which highways the Oil Company proposes to construct these motels?

Shri Humayun Kabir: One has been constructed at Bhiwandi, near Bombay, a motel-cum-service station. As for the other places, we have asked the different distributors to whom the Indian Oil Company have given facilities, and when we receive reports from them, the question of setting up motels will be taken up.

Shri N. R. Laskar: May I know whether there is any possibility of constructing these motels along the Bengal-Assam Road, a national highway?

Shri Humayun Kabir: If the traffic offers, certainly yes.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether these motels will be run by the Oil Company itself through its branch managers or whether some other special committee will be formed to run them?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The Indian Oil Company have planned to enter into this motel business as an adjunct to their service stations and therefore some co-operation from the service stations will also be necessary. No separate committee seems to be required.

Housing Projects in Delhi

*643. **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Commissioner of Delhi has requested the Central Government to sanction an additional