

wise and country-wise, and the duration of their stay in India along with the expenditure in Indian and Foreign currency, separately; and

(b) the number of Indian Scientists, Technical experts or Specialists invited by the foreign countries and expenditure if any, incurred by Government thereon?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Gauhati Refinery

1098. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

The Minister of **Petroleum and Chemical** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the execution of the project for the expansion of the refining capacity of Gauhati Refinery;

(b) whether any survey has recently been made about the potentiality of the demand for petroleum in the area so as to determine whether any further expansion of the refining capacity is called for; and

(c) if so, when it was made and the result thereof?

**The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The proposal for expansion of the Gauhati refinery upto 1.00 million tonnes per annum is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). Yes. A survey has recently been made about the demand of major P.O.L. products in Assam, and it has been found that the demand in this area may be fully met by Gauhati and Digboi refineries during the IV Plan period.

#### Use of Gauhati Refinery Gas

1099. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to-date progress made in the utilisation of the gas which was

being flared up at the Gauhati Refinery;

(b) the action so far taken for the production and distribution of liquid petroleum gas from this gas for use as domestic fuel; and

(c) the quantum of gas being still flared up every day there?

**The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). A scheme for the utilisation of refinery gas for manufacture of liquid petroleum gas is under preparation.

(c) About 45 tonnes.

#### हिन्दुओं का ईसाई बनाया जाना

1100. **श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :**  
**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :**  
**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :**

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निकोबार द्वीप समूह में रहने वाले लगभग 15,000 हिन्दुओं में से लगभग 12,000 हिन्दुओं को ईसाई बना लिया गया और कुछ हिन्दुओं को मुसल-मान भी बना लिया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वहाँ पर ईसाई धर्म का प्रचार करने के लिये पादरियों को इंग्लैंड तथा अमरीका से धन मिलता है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वहाँ बसने के लिए हिन्दुओं पर प्रतिबन्ध है; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री तथा प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में प्रतिरक्षा संभरण मंत्री (श्री हाथी) : (क) जनगणना के आंकड़ों