

Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Patriot' dated the 22nd September, 1966 to the effect that the well known 'Christian Science Monitor' has published a news that the latter is officially informed that the Indo-U.S. foundation will be established after the General Election in India in 1967; and

(b) if so, the authenticity of the report and the actual state of affairs in regard to the foundation?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). There has been no discussion or correspondence between the Government of India and the Government of the United States on the subject of the proposed Indo-U.S. Foundation since the last session of Parliament and the report in question is without any foundation in fact.

Job Security in Oil Companies

165. **Dr. Ranen Sen:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the recommendations of the Committee on Job Security in Foreign Oil Companies and Government's decision thereon, the foreign oil companies are still persisting in implementing their so-called voluntary retirement schemes; and

(b) if so, the additional steps Government propose to take to ensure job security for the employees of the private Oil Companies in India?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Committee had no objection to the continuance of the early voluntary retirement schemes provided the employees' representatives were associated with the operation of the Schemes. At a meeting which the Labour Secretary had on October 27, 1966, with the representatives of the Oil Companies, the Companies claimed that the procedure now adopted by them substantially meets the Committees recommendations. The matter is under further examination.

Shortage of Kerosene Oil

166. **Shri Madhu Limaye:**
Shri Basappa:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Daji:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports about the shortage of kerosene oil that is being experienced by the different States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the steps taken to overcome this shortage;

(c) whether Government would lay on the Table a statement showing the monthly production of kerosene, petrol and high speed diesel in the various Refineries in the public and private sectors during the last 21 months from January, 1966 onwards upto date;

(d) whether Government have decided to increase kerosene allocation for the next few months; and