

(ख) और (ग). झांसी पोलीटेक्नीक का तखमीना, इमारत और साजसामान के लिए २२ लाख रुपए और आवर्ती एक साल का ३.६७ लाख रुपए है।

Gauhati Oil Refinery

209. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Sezhiyan:

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

(a) whether the Kerosene Unit of the Gauhati Oil Refinery has been closed, if so, since when;

(b) the reasons for closure of this unit; and

(c) the action taken to revive its working?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir. There have been frequent shut-downs since April, 1962 when this unit initially started operating, the longest being from 2-2-1963.

(b) Prolonged mechanical trouble in the compressors and corrosion of other connected equipment.

(c) A team of Rumanian experts led by the Rumanian Deputy Minister of Petroleum is already in Gauhati for carrying out a comprehensive check-up and putting the Kerosene Unit into satisfactory operation.

Thermal Station at Neyveli

211. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to increase the capacity of the thermal station at Neyveli;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). The

capacity of the thermal power station at Neyveli will be increased from 2,50,000 K.W. to 4,00,000 K.W. during the Third Five Year Plan period. A proposal for the further expansion of the capacity from 4,00,000 K.W. to 6,00,000 K.W. during the Fourth Five Year Plan is under consideration of the Government.

12 hrs.

RE: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT AND CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Mr. Speaker: There is an adjournment motion by Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri and Shri A. K. Gopalan, held over yesterday, and five Calling Attention Notices by Shri Raghunath Singh, Shri Hem Barua, Shri A. N. Vidyalankar, Shri Mohan Swarup and Shri S. M. Banerjee. The Prime Minister is going to make a statement now.

12.01 hrs.

STATEMENT ON AGREEMENT WITH VOICE OF AMERICA

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The need to strengthen All-India Radio's external broadcasts had been repeatedly brought to Government's notice and this need became more urgent after the Chinese aggression towards the end of 1962, more particularly in the context of the vicious and venomous propaganda against the Government of India by Chinese broadcasting services directed in various languages to bordering areas of India and to various Indian regions, as well as the countries in South East Asia and Africa. A decision was taken in November, 1962 to explore the possibility of obtaining high powered transmitters on reasonable terms from countries where such transmitters were available.