

भाषार्थ भगवान देव : मैंने भी हाथ उठाया था ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हाथ तो बहुत लोग उठा रहे हैं ।

भाषार्थ भगवान देव : श्री शीर मन्त्राले हैं, उनको आप समय दे देते हैं ।

श्री मनीराम बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरी वजह से आप पर आक्षेप आ रहा है तो मैं बैठ जाता हूँ, मेरा समय शास्त्री जी को दे दीजिए ।

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to make it clear that at present there are 527 Members in this House. It is impossible to call everyone who raises his hand. I try to distribute the time equitably. The hon. Members must cooperate with me in this respect. I do not have special attraction for anybody. All the Members are equally respectable to me. So, that should be borne in mind.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Are we supposed to raise our hands in order to catch your eyes? Or are we to rise in our seats?

MR. SPEAKER: I have not changed anything.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: How do we catch your eyes?

AN HON. MEMBER: Mr. Gupta is expert in that.

Report of Site Selection Committee regarding setting up of refineries

*25. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9053 on 28 April, 1981 regarding Refinery in Haryana State and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the report of Site

Selection Committee regarding location of refinery in North-West region; and

(b) if so, the decision taken for selecting the site for the location of the refinery?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A final decision is expected shortly.

SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the hon. Minister kindly tell when the report of the Site Selection Committee was received, how many places and which places have been recommended by the Site Selection Committee in order of priority?

SHRI P. C. SETHI: The Expert Committee actually recommended six sites. They were Karnal, Kurukshetra, Saharanpur in the North and Salaya, Goa and Mangalore in the South-west. Out of these, the Ministry, after considering the report, announced in this House that Mangalore and Karnal would be suitable. But since then the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance have raised the question that before a final decision is taken in this matter the cost of transportation, time factor, time limitation of alternative locations should be taken into consideration. Therefore, various other sites were also taken into consideration. At present, they are being studied. We will be in a position to take a final decision in this matter very shortly.

SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the hon. Minister kindly specifically state by what time this decision is likely to be taken? What is the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the project? How much period the project will take for completion? Will Karnal be selected for this project as was told by the hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals in reply to my supplementary question on an earlier occasion?

SHRI P. C. SETHI: As far as the cost of laying the pipeline is concerned, Karnal would require about Rs. 24.47 crores, Kurukshetra—Rs. 27.35 crores, and Saharanpur about Rs. 34.61 crores. As far as the cost of the refinery is concerned, whether we put it up in this area or that area it will be the same. Mangalore would require about Rs. 233 crores, Goa Rs. 234.5 crores and Salaya Rs. 227.5 crores. Salaya was abandoned, as it was considered too near the border. Therefore, at present Goa and Mangalore are under consideration.

श्री गिरधारी लाल व्यास : मयुरा रिफाइनरी की जब बात चल रही थी तब भी राजस्थान में सर्वाई माधोपुर को कंसिडर किया गया था। राजस्थान के अन्दर जहाँ पर पब्लिक सेक्टर का कोई इन्वेस्टमेंट नहीं है, इस तेल शोधक कारखाने को लगाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या फ़ायदा जांच कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI P. C. SETHI: After the questions were raised by the Planning and Finance Ministries three or four sites, including Sawai Madhopur, were considered. Ultimately, it was decided that the final selection would lie between the sites I have mentioned

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: The Government of Karnataka has been urging for a long time the location of the refinery at Mangalore. All the data and the reports which have been required by the Government of India have been furnished by them. In fact, discussions were held at the highest level on this question. If there are any bottlenecks on the implementation of the project at Mangalore, raised by the Planning or Finance Ministry, will the hon. Minister assure us that he will have an early discussion with these Ministries to see that the early implementation of this project at Mangalore is made feasible?

SHRI P. C. SETHI: The Working Group is considering these things. As soon as we get the report from the Working Group we would be expediting the establishment of these grass root refineries, because they are very much needed, in view of the fact that our production programme in the Sixth Plan has been raised. Therefore, we are going to have these grass root refineries established as early as possible. As I said, Mangalore is being considered along with Goa.

MR. SPEAKER: Next Question, Shri K. T. Kosalram—absent. Next Question, Shri R. P. Gaekwad—absent. Shri R. N. Rakesh—absent. Next question Shri K. A. Rajan, Shri P. K. Kodiyan—absent. Remarkable. Next question, Shri A. C. Das.

Survey by Oil Indja Ltd. In Orissa

*30. **SHRI A. C. DAS:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey conducted by the Oil India Ltd. in the Coastal belt of Orissa has remained incomplete;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the drilling of oil which had started earlier has also stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to complete the programme of Geophysical and Seismic surveys to assess the oil drilling prospects in its 6800 sq. km. of petroleum exploration licence area in coastal Orissa;

(e) the progress made so far in the matter; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Aeromagnetic survey was