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Company to exploit the oil reserves discovered in Nahorkatiya, Hugrijan and Moran areas in Assam. These negotiations were suspended in May 1957 and resumed on the 18th November, 1957. An Agreement has now been concluded between the Government of India and the Burmah Oil Company/Assam Oil Company and this will be executed shortly. The broad features of the agreement proposed to be executed are:—

(1) The Rupee Company will undertake production of oil and will also arrange for the construction in two stages, and operation of a pipeline or such other related facilities as may be considered necessary for the transport of the Crude Oil upto Barauni. During the first stage the pipeline or other related facilities will be laid up to an intermediate locality to be approved by the Government of India and the Burmah Oil Company and during the second stage the extension of the pipeline or other facilities from such intermediate locality to Barauni will be taken in hand. The timing of the commencement of each of the two stages shall be determined by the Government of India.

(2) The oil produced by the Rupee Company will be sold to two refineries sponsored by the Government of India and to be established in the public sector. The delivered price of crude oil payable by each such refinery shall be either the lowest price delivered Calcutta at which such Crude Oil can be secured by the refinery from any alternative source or the cost incurred by the company together with a reasonable commercial return, whichever is less, such price being fixed by the company with the approval of the Government of India after examination of costs and subject to review every half year.

The Burmah Oil Company have offered to advance a Sterling loan to the extent of 10 million pounds to the Rupee Company on terms to be agreed between that Company and the Government of India to meet the foreign exchange content of the cost of the first stage of construction of the pipeline and other related facilities. In the context of this firm commitment given by the Burmah Oil Company, it is proposed to have a refinery located at the intermediate stage between the oilfields and Barauni in addition to having a refinery at Barauni. Government have already appointed consultants to undertake pipeline survey from the oilfields to the refinery sites and also for the refinery projects studies. The sizes, actual location and the patterns of production to be adopted for the two refineries now proposed to be established in the public sector will be determined after receipt and examination of the project reports. The first of the two refineries is likely to be located somewhere in Assam and it is possible that this refinery will be on stream within about three years.

ELECTION TO COMMITTEE

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): I beg to move:

“That in pursuance of clause 3 (vii) of the Rules and Regulations of the Tuberculosis Association of India, the Members of Lok Sabha do proceed to elect in such manner, as the Speaker may direct, two Members from among themselves to serve as members of the Central Committee of the Tuberculosis Association of India.”

Mr. Speaker: I shall put the motion to the House.

The question is:

"That in pursuance of clause 3(vii) of the Rules and Regulations of the Tuberculosis Association of India, the Members of Lok Sabha do proceed to elect in such manner, as the Speaker may direct, two Members from among themselves to serve as Members of the Central Committee of the Tuberculosis Association of India."

The motion was adopted.

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL*

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947 and the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1952.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947 and the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1952."

The motion was adopted.

Pandit G. B. Pant: I introduce the Bill.

UNION DUTIES OF EXCISE (DISTRIBUTION) BILL*

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the distribution of a part of the net proceeds of certain Union duties of excise among the States.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the distribution of a part of the net

proceeds of certain Union duties of excise among the States."

The motion was adopted.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I introduce the Bill.

ESTATE DUTY AND TAX ON RAILWAY PASSENGER FARES (DISTRIBUTION) BILL*

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the distribution of the net proceeds of the Estate duty and the tax on railway passenger fares among the States.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the distribution of the net proceeds of the Estate duty and the tax on railway passenger fares among the States."

The motion was adopted.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I introduce the Bill.

COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND BILL*

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the transfer of the Fund known as the Countess of Dufferin's Fund to the Central Government.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the transfer of the Fund known as the Countess of Dufferin's Fund to the Central Government."

The motion was adopted.

Shri Karmarkar: I introduced the Bill.

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